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▶ Gracie Larsen, 3, waves to Santa at the Santa Claus Parade yesterday.

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# One big guy makes way for another

**▶ Mayor-elect led 25 floats, 24 bands and 1,700 participants in Santa Claus Parade ▶ Route ran from Christie Pits to corner of Front and Church, by way of Bloor, University, Dundas and Yonge streets**

Mayor-elect Rob Ford, sportingly dressed in his football jacket, led the Santa Claus Parade on foot yesterday.

"Everyone, Merry Christmas," he said smiling broadly, waving to crowds 10 people deep and shaking hands with police patrol officers as he rounded the south turn at Yonge-Dundas Square.

Distinctive in his green-and-yellow coaching jacket for Don Bosco high school, Ford strode alone down the six-kilometre route, well behind a group of harbinger clowns and ahead of mounted police.

In response, a mass of small digital cameras rose from the crowd, sparkling together like Christmas lights.

"You can see everything from here," said Andrew Macklin, standing on a ladder on the square's east side with his eight-year-old son Simon. "We started this when Simon was getting too heavy for my shoulders."

"Layers," said 11-year-old Drew, explaining his keep-warm strategy by opening his outer jacket to reveal a shirt and an undershirt.

He and five other cousins, on a day trip from Kingston for the parade with chaperone Kim Geoffrey, were among hundreds claiming prime spots nearly two hours early at Front and Church streets.

"It gets you in the mood for the Christmas season," said Paul Ebrahim, bundled in a heavy jacket in a curbside camp chair next to friend Dilip Jobanputra.

Storybook characters, commercial products and marching bands playing everything from "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" to "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" helped keep Christmas traditions alive in the 106th Toronto edition of the event.

A number of unexplained gaps — periods of up to 20 minutes during which the parade went dead — meant it took more than two hours to pass any point on Yonge Street.

During the extended wait for the final float bearing Santa and his reindeer, people poured into the street to take pictures of each other and let their children run loose. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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# Plans for Downsview housing mulled

Downsview Park is mulling over proposals from developers to build housing to pay for the park itself.

The federal Crown corporation has received submissions for about 650 units of housing on an 11-acre site in the Stanley Greene neighbourhood on the south side of the former military base.

When the base closing was announced in 1994, Ottawa said it wanted to see a self-financing national urban park developed on the site.

To do that, the plan is to sell or lease 223 acres for development around the perimeter of the base to bring in enough money to build a 349-acre park.

Residents say the plan calls for more development than the area can easily absorb and the North York Community Council has put off dealing with the file.

A frustrated park board has applied to take the latest plan, put together by city planning staff, to the Ontario Municipal Board, bypassing the community council, said park chair David Soknacki.

Soknacki said the park had reached an agreement with residents on development of the Stanley Greene neighbourhood but wasn't able to present it at the June community council. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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▶ An artist's impression of sustainable neighbourhoods in Downsview Park.

# One-stop centre eyed to fight domestic abuse

## More than 1,800 charges of spousal abuse laid in region in 2009

A one-stop centre to tackle domestic violence is being considered for the Peel region.

Based on an innovative model first tried successfully in San Diego, Brampton may be home to the first such facility in the Toronto area.

It should be open by next summer, said Shelina Jeshani, co-ordinator for the Family Justice/Child Advocacy Planning Committee, which consists of 14 agencies, including Peel Regional Police and the Crown.

Jeshani has travelled to see other centres and done dozens of interviews with victims and the agencies serving them.

In one interview, a woman told her how she finally mustered the courage to call police on her abusive husband. But afterwards at a counselling centre, she was simply handed a list of a dozen places to go for help.

"It's a nightmare for women," said Jeshani. "In many cases, they end up back with their abusive partner."

Many women who leave violent partners have no financial independence and are not even able to pay for transportation.

Jeshani has identified 18 different agencies that battered women need to go to for help in Peel. The hope is that most of them will come on board this project.

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**Violence**

- Peel Region received 13,319 calls related to domestic violence in 2009. Of those, 6,669 were related to spousal abuse and charges were laid in 1,835 cases, said Peel Regional Police Insp. Chris McCord.

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▶ Shelina Jeshani is the co-ordinator of the to-be-set-up Family Justice Centre in Brampton, a one-stop shop for women who are abused. The centre is expected to be open by next summer.

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The 106th edition of the Santa Claus Parade hit downtown Toronto yesterday
Thousands line sidewalks for a peek at floats, marching bands and Father Christmas himself Sun makes an appearance as temperature hovers around 3C

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▶ A group of young girls wait for Santa at the Santa Claus Parade.

# Say hello to St. Nick

▶ Numerous floats and horses with bands walked in the Santa Claus Parade.

▶ Santa Claus arrives at yesterday's parade.

## Parade facts

- Toronto's Santa Claus Parade is roughly six kilometers long — one of the largest in North America.
- The Santa Claus Parade's first Toronto appearance was in 1905 when the event featured a single float.
- The parade has grown to 25 floats, 24 bands, and 1,700 participants
- It starts at Christie Pits Park on Bloor Street and ends at the St. Lawrence Market
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# Pre-consent ruling could affect elderly

**Supreme Court ruling on sexual pre-consent could have implications for people in nursing care facilities**

A question now before the Supreme Court of Canada as to whether a person can give advance consent for sex could have some unforeseen implications for people with dementia or other disabling brain injuries.

The court is expected to rule in the next few months on whether an Ottawa woman voluntarily choked into unconsciousness before sex with her long-time partner could legally pre-consent or was in effect sexually assaulted.

The case is ringing alarm bells among advocates for the elderly and raising concerns among those who care for them.

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▶ Social worker Lauren Colla of Baycrest.

"What they're looking at is can you say when I become unconscious, as in this case, could I have pre-consented to sex?" said Jane Meadus, a lawyer at the Advocacy Centre for the Elderly in Toronto.

"But the broader implications are that I could consent today and say if I became incapable — I got dementia or I got in a coma or something — it's OK for my spouse to come and have sex with me. And is that pre-consent really a pre-consent and what are the implications for the people who are, for example, in long-term care?"

Lauren Colla, a social worker at Baycrest nursing home in Toronto, said intimacy can take many forms.

"When spouses come in or partners come in, the privacy piece is often challenging because of the structure of the nursing home. The doors can't be locked," she said. "So that in itself makes it quite challenging."

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## Off-peak electricity hours to change: Sources

Starting next May, you won't have to wait until nine o'clock to do your laundry. Government sources tell The Canadian Press that off-peak electricity rates in Ontario will start two hours earlier starting next May.

Off-peak hours will start at 7 p.m. instead of 9 p.m.

A senior government source said the change will help make conservation easier.

"This will help families with an additional two hours in the evening to benefit from lower rates — or an extra 10 hours a week," said the source.

"This help for families — with a little extra time to take advantage of lower prices — is in addition to the new Clean Energy Benefit which will provide families with 10 per cent off of their electricity bills every month, for five years."

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## Teen charged in alleged bid to shoot cop

A 17-year-old has been charged with attempted murder for allegedly trying to shoot a Toronto police officer.

Police on Saturday arrested two teenagers, 18 and 19, after responding to a gun call in the Oakwood Avenue and Vaughan Road area.

Police allege a third teenager then turned and pointed a semi-automatic weapon at an officer and fired.

The gun malfunctioned and failed to go off.

The three teens are scheduled to appear in court Sunday.

The 17-year-old cannot be identified under the Youth Criminal Justice Act.

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## Teen shot, in critical condition

An overnight shooting in Toronto has left a teenage boy in hospital with a bullet wound to his chest. Police say it happened around 2 a.m. yesterday near Dufferin Street and Dupont Street. The 16-year-old victim is in critical condition.

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## Metro correction notice

Former Parkdale—High Park NDP MP Peggy Nash (pictured) was incorrectly identified in a story published Nov. 19. Metro regrets the error. METRO

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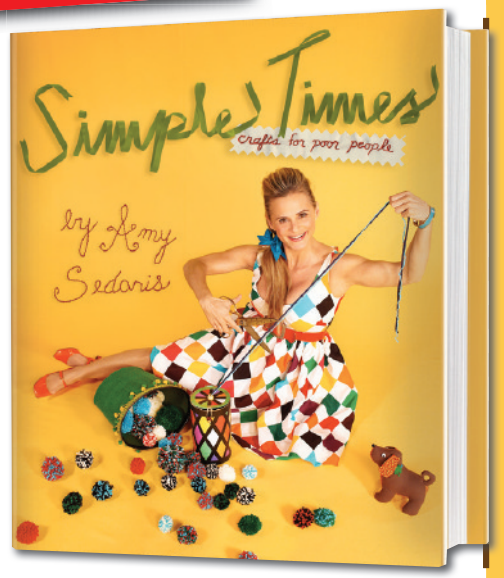


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# Levy keep consumers guessing

## Some retailers charging eco fees

Home Hardware and Lowe's are charging them. Home Depot and Canadian Tire are not. Wal-Mart and Loblaw won't say. RONA buries them in the price of goods such as paint and batteries.

Welcome to what one critic calls the new "wild west" of eco fees which range from pennies to several dollars depending on the product.

It's tough for consumers to keep track of where they stand amid a mishmash of policies from one retailer to another — if the chains will even reveal what they're doing.

**"The whole regime is still a huge quagmire."**
ONTARIO NDP LEADER ANDREA HORWATH

More than a month after the Ontario government formally killed a new round of eco fees that began July 1 on thousands of potentially toxic household items such as cleaners and fire extinguishers, the retail community is split on what to do about the first round of eco fees that came into effect on nine types of products in July 2008 — and remain legal.

Other products for which retailers can still charge eco fees are contact cement, oil filters, oil containers of 30 litres or less, single-use dry-cell batteries, automotive antifreeze, pressurized containers such as propane tanks, fertilizers and pesticides.

Aside from $4.03 on a big plastic pail of paint — the size contractors typically buy — some sample fees are 13 cents on an 8-pack of AA batteries, 18 cents on a nine-kilogram bag of fertilizer, and 81 cents on a 3.78-litre can of house paint.

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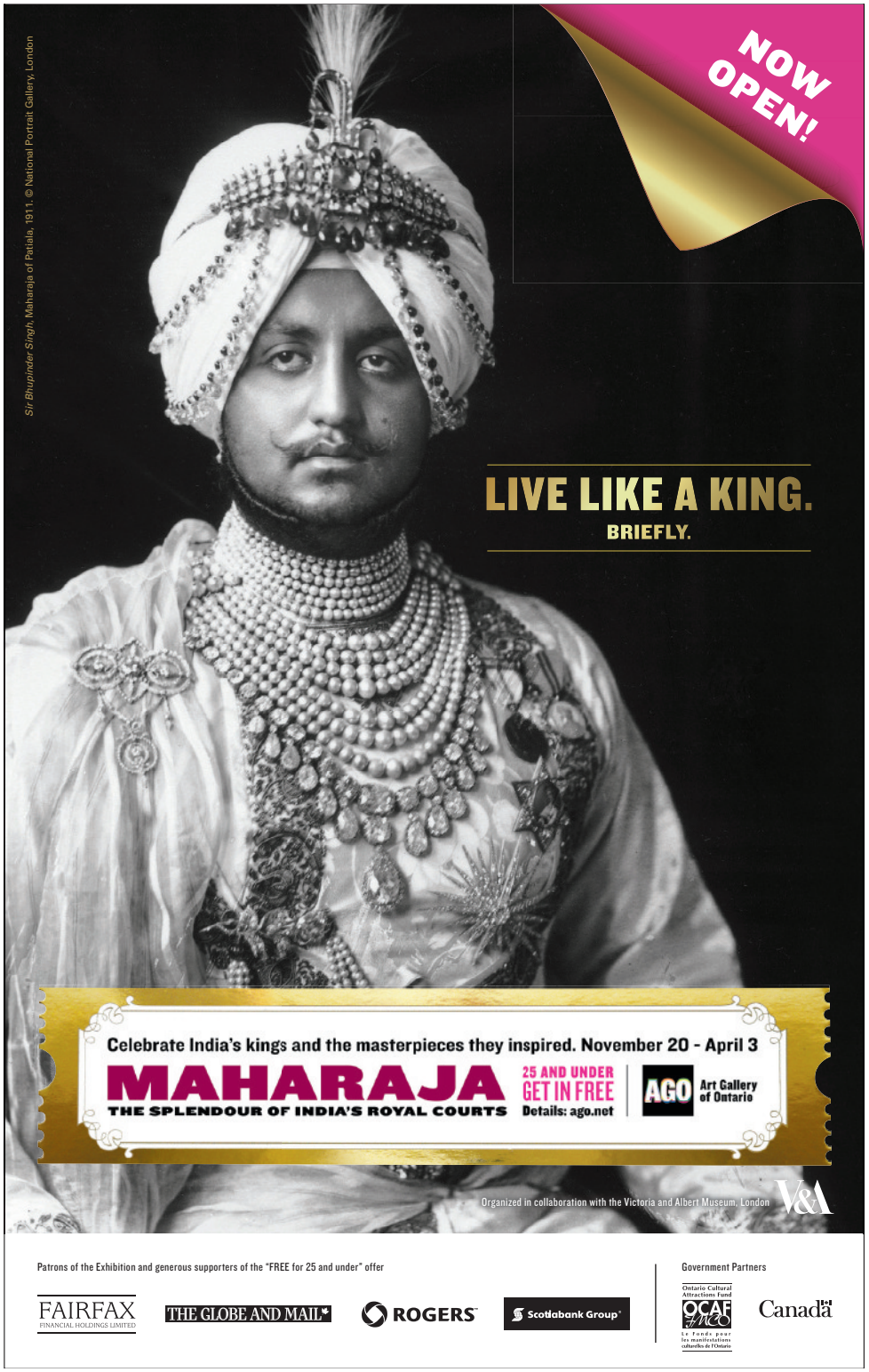


# Landmark sex ruling faces first challenge

**Worst-case fears**

**Federal government arguments filed with the Court of Appeal for Ontario in advance of today's hearing list a litany of "likely" scenarios should the ruling come into effect this weekend.**

- Removing the bawdy house law would likely lead to crimes such as human trafficking, prostitution of minors, extortion and assault going undetected, Ottawa argues.
- The Ontario government's submissions echoed the federal filings.

Minors being prostituted, violent crime on the rise, and sex workers from all over flocking to Ontario is being painted by the government as the nightmare scenario if the courts fail to uphold key provisions of the country's prostitution laws.

But the lawyer who successfully challenged the laws that effectively criminalized prostitution says he doesn't buy the sky-is-falling scenario that the provincial government and Ottawa will lay out at a hearing today.

Laws against keeping a common bawdy house, communicating for the purposes of prostitution and living on the avails of the trade were "contributing to the danger faced by prostitutes," said Ontario Superior Court Judge Susan Himel in September in striking them down.

The judgment, however, was subject to a stay, during which the laws remain in place. But with that set to expire on Saturday, the federal and provincial governments are pleading with the court to extend the stay until a proper appeal can be heard, lest a legislative void cause "irreparable harm."

Ontario Attorney General Chris Bentley refused to "speculate" on what plans, if any, the government has if Saturday comes and the stay isn't granted.

"Our position is that the laws that exist, exist to protect people and protect communities," he said.

"We don't want people to be lured into this area. We don't want communities to be dealing with this. These laws have been on the books for a reason and for a long time."

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# Province, city work to clean up leaked fuel

The Ministry of the Environment confirmed yesterday that a cleanup is underway after an undisclosed amount of auto fuel began leaking into an east-end creek on Friday.

The fuel, along with other automotive-based liquids such as windshield washer fluid, originated from Standard Auto Wreckers, located near Steeles Avenue East and Sewells Road, said Kate Jordan, a ministry spokesperson.

Although containment efforts have been effective, as of yesterday afternoon, Jordan said fuel continues to enter the creek.

Jordan said the city reported the leak to the ministry's spills action centre on Friday at 11 a.m., initiating a cleanup that has combined the efforts of the ministry, the city's water department, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Environment Canada, and the company, which has hired a cleanup crew.

The leak appears to have been caused during the crushing of automobiles, causing fuel to seep into the ground and eventually into Little Rouge Creek, a tributary of the Rouge River.

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# Hearings begin in polygamy case

**British Columbia commune under the microscope Legal pandora's box could be opened if law against polygamy is struck down**

A court in British Columbia will begin hearings today as it tackles a question that has been lingering over a small commune in southeastern British Columbia for nearly two decades: Is polygamy a crime, or is it a sacred religious practice protected by the constitution?

That question, and the lack of a clear answer, has stood in the way of the province's repeated efforts to prosecute the leaders of Bountiful, B.C., an obscure fundamentalist Mormon community near the U.S. border where some residents readily admit to multiple marriages.

But one observer predicts the B.C. case is just the first step in a process that will eventually make its way to the Supreme Court of Canada, where a final decision could affect a range of issues from the definition of marriage to how prospective immigrants with multiple wives should be treated.

"This is much broader than Bountiful — if the law is struck down and polygamy becomes legally recognized, you start to see some pretty broad ramifications, things like pension benefits, immigration," says Vancouver-based constitutional lawyer Ron Skolrood, who isn't connected to the case.

"Think about in the world of immigration law and some cultures where polygamy is accepted. If the law is struck down, what does that mean for immigration into Canada?"

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▶ Winston Blackmore, the religious leader of the polygamous community of Bountiful, B.C., with six of his daughters and some of his grandchildren, in this 2008 photo.

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**1** The lawyer for Americans Shane Bauer, left, Sarah Shourd, centre, and Josh Fattal, said that Iran has set a Feb. 6 date for their spying trial after they hiked across the border.

**2** The former Playboy Club bunny and Milwaukee cop whose prison escape to Canada popularized the phrase "Run Bambi Run" has died. Laurie (Bambi) Bembenek was 52.

**3** Russian journalist Mikhail Beketov joined others in Moscow yesterday to protest attacks on journalists they claim are orchestrated by officials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**4** Todd Allinger and other creators of Canada's Own The Podium are in talks with Russia to help that country dominate the 2014 Winter Games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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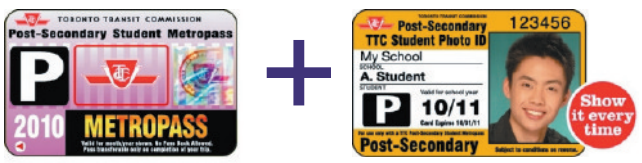


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# Video games for the troops

**Afghanistan-bound stash is part of a morale and welfare program**

Canadian soldiers stuck in lonely outposts in Afghanistan are the lucky recipients of a big stash of video games ordered just months before the military pulls out.

Defence officials confirm that 500 copies of games, such as Gears of War, Call of Duty, Mortal Kombat and Assassins Creed, are destined for Canada's forward operating bases in the war-ravaged country.

An estimated 500 to 600 soldiers are stationed at Ma'sum Ghar and Sperwan Ghar, Canada's main bases outside Kandahar.

"It helps in keeping good morale... to bring some relief to people working long hours," Cmdr. Hubert Genest said in an interview.

The large order, which includes some unwarlike games — such as Guitar Hero 3, The Beatles Rock Band, and Tiger Woods 2011 — was issued by public tender last week. The competition closes early next month.

Genest was not able to provide a dollar value, but at an estimated $50 a title, the order could be worth as much as $25,000.

The cost of purchasing the games is covered by military's rest-and-recreation allowance of about $60 a month for each soldier in Afghanistan, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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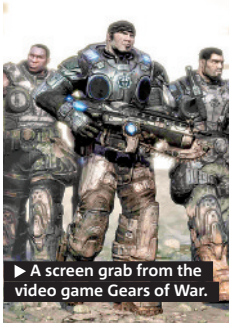

▶ A screen grab from the video game Gears of War.

## Mexican officials close hotel where blast killed 7

**450** Local reports said about 450 guests were moved to different hotels on Saturday

A hotel on Mexico's Caribbean coast where an explosion killed five Canadians and two Mexicans a week ago has been closed to aid the investigation amid suspicions of a possible failure in a gas system, authorities said Saturday.

Officials ordered the 676-room Grand Riviera Princess hotel in Playa del Carmen, south of Cancun, totally shut down for at least a week. An adjoining hotel will also be closed.

"The purpose of the closure is to thoroughly review all the gas hydraulic structures that may have been a cause of the explosion," said Quintana Roo Gov. Felix Gonzalez Canto.

Authorities initially said swamp gases produced by rotting vegetable matter trapped beneath the hotel might have triggered last Sunday's blast, and later suggested an accumulation of sewage gases may have contributed.

Canto said the investigation had produced new evidence of a possible combination of methane and liquefied petroleum gas.

"There is the possibility of both cases being in the area. A (liquefied petroleum gas) line supplies the pool's heating and there is the sewage. The investigation will show which was the cause; if it was one, the other or both," the governor said.

On Tuesday, investigators said they discovered a ruptured sewer line about 10 metres from the area where the blast erupted under the floor of a lounge area.

Experts say both sewage and rotting sediment could produce methane.

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## Woman driver dies defying ban

A Saudi police official says a young woman in her 20s defying a driving ban in the capital died along with three female friends when her car overturned.

Maj. Fawaz al-Mouman said yesterday the woman had 10 of her female friends on a four-wheel drive vehicle on Saturday night. The vehicle overturned in an open area often used by young men in car races.

Saudi Arabia follows a strict interpretation of Islam. Sexes are segregated in schools and public places. Women are not allowed to drive or vote.

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## Taliban won't rest this winter: Governor

The district governor in Panjwaii, Afghanistan, says he's been warned the Taliban intend to continue fighting throughout the winter months and not give NATO forces any rest. Haji Baran says he received the news from contacts in Pakistan.

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## Funds for Iraq's neediest run dry

Iraq has run out of an estimated $1 billion to pay for widows' benefits, farm crops and other programs for the needy.

That country's parliament leader said yesterday that only about $180,000 has been collected this year in the oil-rich nation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Pope: Condoms can be OK in certain cases

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▶ Pope Benedict XVI blesses the faithful at the end of a mass in St. Peter's Basilica, at the Vatican yesterday.

### In 2009, Pope suggested condoms could make AIDS crisis worse

Vatican officials insist it's nothing "revolutionary," but to many other people Pope Benedict XVI's recent comments regarding condom use mark an important moment in the battle against AIDS and an effort by the pontiff to burnish his image and legacy.

The pope chose to make his statements not in an official document but in an interview with a German journalist, Peter Seewald, that is coming out this week in the book Light of the World: The Pope, the Church and the Signs of the Times. L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, published excerpts Saturday.

A number of top churchmen, including the Italian Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini, one of Benedict's rivals during his 2005 election as pope, have been calling for a humanitarian gesture on the issue of condoms. Others, including prelates in Africa, have said condom use is worth considering when one partner in a marriage is HIV positive.

**"There may be a basis in the case of some individuals, as perhaps when a male prostitute uses a condom, where this can be a first step in the direction of a moralization, a first assumption of responsibility."**
POPE BENEDICT XVI

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# Security measures flying off the handle?

**Stories of airport embarrassment emerge as busiest travel week in U.S. begins ◐ Civil libertarians argue pat-downs, scans violate Constitution**

American outrage about new airport security measures is reaching such a fever pitch that even U.S. President Barack Obama has asked authorities to consider less invasive screening methods.

The latest tale of a passenger degraded by airport security emerged this weekend when a bladder cancer survivor told how he was recently left humiliated and drenched in his own urine when officials in Detroit inadvertently broke the seal of his urostomy bag during a pat-down.

Under the new rules, any passenger refusing to go through a body scan must submit to a pat-down. Pat-downs can be enforced if body scans raise concerns among the TSA officials who pore over the images.

John Pistole, the head of the Transportation Security Administration, said yesterday that authorities must stay one step ahead of terrorists, whose schemes continue to involve jetliners.

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▶ A security agent performs an enhanced pat-down on a traveller at Denver International Airport.

# Workers affected by spill face tough choice

Fishermen and business owners stung by a summer of lost revenue from the Gulf of Mexico oil spill have until Wednesday to file their compensation claims for short-term damages.

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# North Korea's atomic skill evolving: Expert

## Senator calls possible UN violation 'troubling'

The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the United States said yesterday he worries that North Korea is advancing its potential nuclear capability toward "real life" after a scientist reported new activity in its atomic program.

The American nuclear expert who recently visited North Korea says he was taken to a small industrial-scale uranium enrichment facility and told that low-enriched uranium was being produced for a new reactor.

Adm. Mike Mullen, the top U.S. military officer, said such activities would violate UN Security Council resolutions and agreements by North Korea over its nuclear program.

"From my perspective, it's North Korea continuing on a path which is destabilizing for the region. It confirms or validates the concern we've had for years about their enriching uranium, which they've denied routinely," Mullen said. "They are a country that routinely we are unable to believe that they would do what they say." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## Faith in grand form

**Local businesspeople in Swiebodzin, Poland, hope a monument, dubbed Christ the King, will attract tourists and pilgrims and give the area an economic boost. But some Poles accuse the priest who created it of megalomania and say its grandiosity violates Jesus Christ's spirit of humility.**

## Robot set to enter volatile New Zealand mine

Rescue officials in Greymouth, New Zealand are preparing to send a high-tech robot into a mine tunnel to transmit pictures and assess toxic gas levels three days after an explosion left 29 miners missing underground.

Police superintendent Gary Knowles, the rescue controller, said yesterday that the New Zealand defence department had upgraded the robot so it would not create a spark and accidentally ignite a fresh explosion in the mine.

But they were still waiting for gas conditions to stabilize further before sending the robot in, Knowles said.

The dangerous gases and underground heat have kept rescue teams from entering the mine ever since the Friday afternoon blast.

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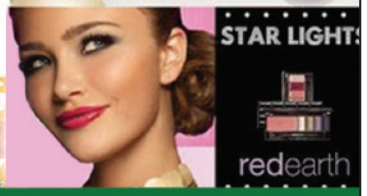


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▶ Forestry and natural resources ministers from tiger range countries leave a news conference at the International Tiger Forum in St. Petersburg, Russia, yesterday.

# Stop watch could be set for tiger extinction

## Three of nine tiger subspecies – the Bali, Javan and Caspian – have become extinct in the last 70 years

Wild tigers could become extinct in 12 years if countries where they still roam fail to take quick action to protect their habitats and step up the fight against poaching, global wildlife experts told a tiger summit yesterday.

James Leape, director general of the World Wildlife Fund, told the meeting in St. Petersburg, Russia, that if the proper protective measures aren't taken, tigers may disappear by 2022, the next Chinese calendar year of the tiger.

**3,200**
**The World Wildlife Fund say only about 3,200 tigers remain in the wild, down from an estimated 100,000 a century ago.**

The Global Tiger Recovery Program estimates the countries with tiger populations will collectively need about $350 million in outside funding in the first five years of the 12-year plan.

The summit will be seeking donor commitments to help governments finance conservation measures.

Tiger's forest habitat is being eaten up by timber operations and construction, while poachers stalk the dwindling tiger populations, killing them for their skins and for body parts prized in Chinese traditional medicine.

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# Ireland's hand is out for billions

## In a humiliating twist, the country asks for a multibillion dollar bailout

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After weeks of denying it needed a bailout, Ireland yesterday became the second European country to ask for a multibillion euro emergency loan to help stabilize its debt-ridden banks.

Other euro zone countries and the European Central Bank had pushed Dublin to accept help after anxiety over Ireland's massive bank-bailout bill threatened to spill over to other shaky economies, including Portugal and Spain.

The request for help from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund is a humiliating turnaround for the Irish government, which only days ago had denied that such a package was being negotiated or was even necessary.

It also dashes the hopes of other members of the 16-country currency union that the mere existence of a 750 billion-euro (US$1025.55 billion) financial backstop set up in May would suffice to quell concern over several countries' massive debt levels.

Ireland's Finance Minister Brian Lenihan refused to give a precise figure on the fund, saying only that it would reach tens of billions of euros. He denied the figure would top 100 billion euros, as some had speculated.

After the Irish cabinet approves the loan application, Irish, EU and IMF officials will negotiate the details of the bailout. The first portion of the loan might come from the European Commission, the EU's executive; after that the IMF and a facility funded by euro zone nations would raise money in the international debt markets.

Greece was saved from bankruptcy in May, and analysts say Portugal could be next.

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▶ Ireland's Finance Minister Brian Lenihan arrives at Irish broadcasting company RTE Studios in Dublin yesterday.

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# U.A.E. airline rejects Canadian minister's claim

- U.A.E. sought more landing rights in Canada for airlines
- House leader John Baird says it would cost jobs

The U.A.E.'s flagship airline wants to "set the record straight" after the federal government argued that tens of thousands of Canadian jobs were at risk if it granted more landing rights to airlines from the Middle-Eastern country.

Dubai-based Emirates is rejecting the claim that Government House leader John Baird made twice in the House of Commons on Friday.

"With regards to the potential for 'tens of thousands of jobs' losses, Emirates has difficulty in understanding this assertion," said airline president Tim Clark.

The dispute over landing rights between Canada and the U.A.E. escalated into a financial, diplomatic and military headache that eventually resulted in the Persian Gulf coast country refusing to renew the lease of a critical Canadian military staging base near Dubai.

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▶ The Emirates Airlines' 58 Airbus A380 superjumbo.

The Canadian Forces had been using Camp Mirage rent-free for the past nine years to get troops and equipment into Afghanistan. Moving to a new base is expected to cost Canadian taxpayers at least $300 million.

An existing decade-old deal gives Emirates and Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways three flights each a week to Toronto. A source said the Emirates government was seeking daily flights for each airline to Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver. Canada came back with a counter offer, said the source, that actually reduced the current carrying capacity of the U.A.E. airlines. THE CANADIAN PRESS.


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# NERD NITE: DISCOVERY CHANNEL WITH BEER

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**School always came easily to Virve Aljas, a 32-year-old graphic designer and founder of Canada's first Nerd Nite.**

An upbeat woman with long, blond hair, Aljas' hands dance as she speaks, emphasizing her words.

Even her home life seemed academic. Hers was the family that would stop on the side of the highway to read those historical plaques while on the way to visit relatives. Camping trips would be akin to astrological field studies, and urban vacations would inevitably include the museums and historical sites.

"When there was an eclipse, we were in the backyard," she says as she looks up and crosses her arms, re-enacting the moment.

She lapped it up. She remembers one day at dinner, her father mentioned a volcano had erupted somewhere in the world. Eight years old with blond pigtails, Aljas took over the conversation by describing all the different types of lava, recounting what she'd learned on the TV show, Reading Rainbow.

When she launched Toronto's first Nerd Nite this fall, her friends and family weren't surprised. A packed pub night with PowerPoint presentations, "it's like Discovery Channel with beer," she says. A celebration of learning. And these days, with events like trivia night popping up in bars across the city, nerdiness is all the rage.

Aljas first discovered Nerd Nite in New York, where she lived for seven years before moving back to Toronto last year. But the origins of Nerd Nite take place in a bar in Boston when a biologist got back from a trip to Cameroon and would bring different groups a friends at different times to the same bar to tell the same story about birds.

The bartenders, sick of hearing the same old science lesson, suggested he just gather all his friends at the same time and they'd provide the microphone. The scientist took them up on the offer, and the concept of a bar night centred on science, or anything scholarly, spread to over a dozen American cities. And now, thanks to Aljas, Toronto.

Presenters are often obsessive about their topic — one of the last ones had built a telescope space centre in his garage. Another was an artist who photographed discarded shopping carts, and even created a classification system for them. Aljas finds out about potential presenters through her network or by stumbling upon someone with an eccentric passion. There's not much criteria besides being strange and cerebral.

If you make it to the second Nerd Nite, tomorrow night at the Fox and Fiddle on Danforth Avenue, you'll learn how to brew beer using only ingredients you can find at the local supermarket and hear all about the dynamics of sound.

It's learning for the pure sake of it. For more info, look for @nerdnitetoronto on Twitter.

*Contact Carolyn Morris at urbancompass@metronews.ca*

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**Letters & Tweets**

*We asked: What's the secret to a successful marriage?*

**TORONTO.** Equality (or the closest thing to it) through compromise. Relationships divided on the traditional lines of gender, income or social status will almost always put one partner at a disadvantage. To attain equality, decisions within the marriage should be discussed with an open mind and a willingness to change views. **DION DALEY**

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▶ Cher stars with Christina Aguilera in Burlesque

# Cher back on top with Burlesque

**With a successful residency in Vegas and a new album in the works, Cher isn't slowing down • New movie, Burlesque, debuts this month**

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After more than 45 years in the entertainment industry as a singer, actress and cultural icon, Cher has plenty to celebrate.

But is there anything she regrets not doing? "Marlon Brando," she says before bursting out laughing. She composes herself before explaining that she did meet with the legendary actor once. "I regret not... meeting him more," she explains. "It was great. We had the best time. But I was trying to make my marriage work — it didn't work anyway."

After a farewell tour that went on for three years, a successful residency in Las Vegas and a new album in the works for 2011, it's clear Cher isn't going anywhere — especially with her return to the big screen, Burlesque, debuting this month.

**"I don't think I'm going any place yet. They're going to have to carry me out feet first."**
CHER

As something of an elder stateswoman in the world of pop, Cher has a few opinions about how the cultural landscape has changed. "When Sonny and I first came out, I had a clothing line right away. And I don't think other people had," she says. "But now it's a different thing. You sing one song and you've got a perfume."

While she admits she doesn't see much more film work in her future, Cher enjoyed getting into her character for Burlesque, the owner and headliner of a nightclub on the Sunset Strip in Hollywood, noting that she and her on-screen alter ego have a lot in common.

"She has aches and pains, and so do I. She's getting older and so am I. The difference is that she's moving over so that someone else can take her place, and I'm not really ready to do that."

### Eternal diva

- **Even after** more than four decades in showbiz, Cher is not going anywhere.
- **The American** recording artist and actress says she wished she saw more of another cultural icon, Marlon Brando.
- **Cher stars** alongside singer-turned-actress Christina Aguilera in new movie Burlesque.

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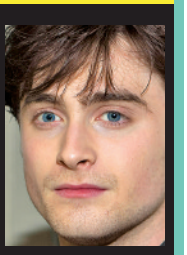
### Harry Potter



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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 conjured up $61.2 million domestically in its first day, positioning it for the best opening weekend for the series.

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## TV picks

### Blades finale

**REALITY** It's a night of finales and new beginnings in reality TV. A winner is declared on Battle of the Blades, with Shae-Lynn Bourne and Patrice Brisebois, Isabelle Brasseur and Todd Warriner, and Ekaterina Gordeeva and Valeri Bure up for the prize. The winners get $100,000 to donate to the charity of their choice. (CBC)

### Skating with celebrities

**REALITY** Skating With The Stars debuts with a similar concept as Battle of the Blades, with the hockey goons replaced with celebrities. The likes of Motley Crue frontman Vince Neil and soap stars Rebecca Budig and Sean Young are being teamed up with pro skaters in this six-episode American reality show. (ABC, CTV)

# International Emmys to honour a kinder Cowell

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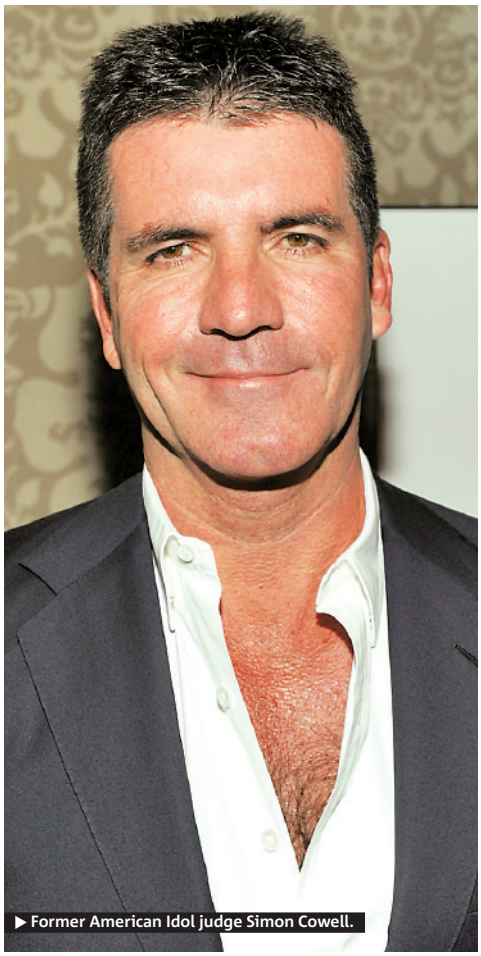

▶ Former American Idol judge Simon Cowell.

## Britain leads with 9 nominations

Simon Cowell's kinder side will be spotlighted when the former American Idol judge is honoured at the 38th Annual International Emmy Awards.

Cowell, who left Idol earlier this year to launch an American version of his hit British singing competition The X Factor next year, will be presented with the International Emmy Founders Award in recognition of both his television achievements and extensive charitable work. The awards ceremony will take place Monday night at the Hilton New York Hotel.

"Here's a guy who has really changed television," said Bruce L. Paisner, president and CEO of the International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences. "He has taken the form of the television talent show, reinvented and repositioned it, and made it must-view television."

The presentation to Cowell will be the centrepiece of the awards show, hosted by former Beverly Hills 90210 star Jason Priestley, in which 39 nominees from 15 countries will be vying in 10 categories for International Emmys, honouring excellence in TV programming outside the U.S.

British television productions garnered a leading nine nominations, including two for The Street, the BBC1 series about the lives of different residents on a road in northwest England. The Street is in contention for best drama series and best actor for Bob Hoskins for his role as a reformed alcoholic who runs a pub and stands up to the neighbourhood mobster.

**"The man is actually rather amazing in terms of the things that he supports and lends his personal presence to."**
**BRUCE PAISNER, CEO OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS & SCIENCES**

Helena Bonham Carter is among the nominees for best actress for the biopic Enid, on BBC4, in which she portrayed the popular British children's writer Enid Blyton, who had a troubled personal life.

The Argentine crime miniseries Epitafios, produced by HBO Latin America, also received two nominations — for best drama series and best actor, with Leonardo Sbaraglia cited for his role as an assassin.

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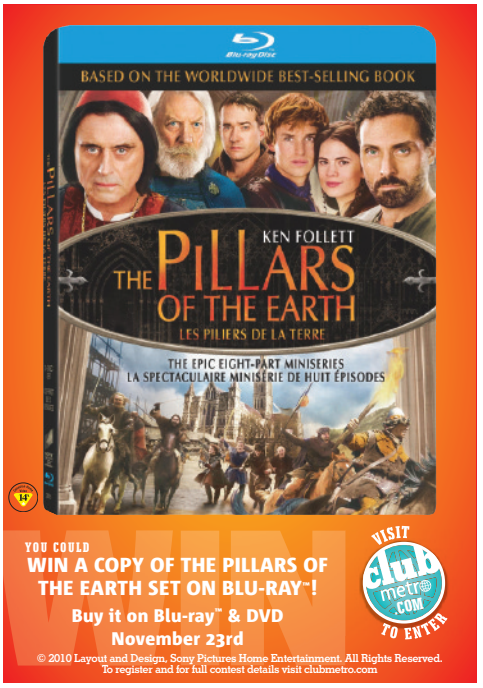

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# Three left in Blades battle

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## Roenick says final three on Battle of the Blades deserve to be there

▶ Ekaterina Gordeeva and Valeri Bure put on a show-stopping performance and avoid elemination on Battle of the Blades.

Jeremy Roenick says there is no doubt in his mind.

The three pairs of skaters who remain on Battle of the Blades, says the judge, "are the ones who most deserve to be there."

Those pairs are: Shae-Lynn Bourne and Patrice Brisebois; Isabelle Brasseur and Todd Warriner; and Ekaterina Gordeeva and Valeri Bure.

They'll skate two routines each starting Sunday at 8 p.m. ET and then wait for Canada to vote and a winner to be declared tonight on CBC.

The front-runners earlier in the season seemed to be Theo Fleury and Jamie Sale.

Both had intriguing back stories: Fleury had battled addiction and other demons while Sale had announced a split from husband and pairs partner David Pelletier.

A rough outing two weeks ago cost them a shot at the championship, which includes $100,000 to the skaters' charity of choice.

Saskatchewan favourite Kelly Chase and American born figure skater Kyoko Ina were eliminated last week.

Producer and judge Sandra Bezic, who joined Roenick and the finalists on a conference call this week, says she was surprised Fleury and Sale were not in the final three "because they're both tenacious and such great competitors. But this is sport and anything can happen."

Roenick agrees.

"Kelly and Theo did fantastic," he says, "but the best three are here and this is how it should be."

As Blades gets set for its final skate off, one more surprise is on the way: a rival series is getting ready to take the ice. Skating with the Stars premieres next Monday - the same night as the Blades finale - on ABC and CTV.

The new show, from the people behind Dancing with the Stars, features various so-called celebrities (including one of the Real Housewives of New York, Motley Crue frontman Vince Neil, forgotten film star Sean Young) partnered with American professional figure skaters.

To blur things further for Canadian viewers, Season One Battle of the Blades judge Dick Button has switch teams and is now one of the three judges on the American skate show.

Bezic says Button has been requesting screeners of Blades all season but was surprised to learn this week that the former Olympian and long time figure skating analyst was part of the Skating with the Stars mix.

Unlike last year, the winning Blades pair Monday will be determined solely by viewer votes. That brings regional rivalries, personal popularity and block voting into play.

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▶ The Black Eyed Peas, from left, Will.I.am, Taboo, Fergie and Apl.De.Ap arrive at the 38th Annual American Music Awards last night.

# A win for Peas, a loss for Keys

## Usher, Black Eyed Peas set the pace with wins, outfits
## Redheaded Rihanna sings show's opening number

Usher and the Black Eyed Peas captured the first honours at the American Music Awards last night, with Usher beating out Alicia Keys and Sade for R&B/Soul album of the year.

"All of my team back in New York City, I'm bringing this home for you," the leather-clad crooner said as he held his trophy high.

The Black Eyed Peas won best pop/rock band, duo or group. While they didn't give a noteworthy speech, frontman Will.I.am wore a memorable outfit: A hat and a necklace made out of what appeared to be Legos.

The performance-driven show got off to a colourful and sexy start, courtesy of flaming redhead Rihanna, who performed a medley of songs from her latest album, including the No. 1 hit What's My Name, wearing a bustier and what seemed like a scarf wrapped around her backside.

Eminem and Lady Antebellum were both up for a show-topping five awards apiece. Other major nominees included Ke$ha and Katy Perry.

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▶Urban greets fans before performing a free concert for winners of a contest conducted by his website from Philadelphia to New York to publicize his newest CD, Get Closer.

# Keith Urban records his latest album, Get Closer

**Overcomes destruction of his equipment from Tennessee floods to record album Album reads like a love letter to wife, Nicole Kidman**

Keith Urban had a difficult decision to make in the days after last spring's flood.

The rising Cumberland River wrecked just about every piece of equipment the country music superstar owned, from priceless vintage guitars to his favourite amps.

He was scheduled to begin recording the tracks that would eventually become Get Closer, and he wasn't sure if he should just scrap the whole thing until later.

"I think any musician will tell you: Give us something to make music with and we make music," Urban said.

"It felt like we had some really good songs for this record. I felt really good about the songs. The band was ready. We had the studio booked. It wasn't that long ago I only owned one guitar anyway. I made a record with very few instruments in the beginning, so it was making the most of what we're given."

He borrowed a guitar from his guitar tech the first week and things went well enough that he decided to keep going.

He added gear over the next few weeks, hitting eBay for a few guitars and amplifiers, and slowly expanded the sonic palette for the album. He used the first guitar he bought off the Internet to lay down the lilting, addictive riff on lead single, Put You in a Song, and never looked back.

"I thought, 'Well, let's explore new sounds, new guitars,' and I think from that a real different, not just a sound, but a different feeling came from this record," Urban said.

He ended up with perhaps his most personal album. The eight-track standard release issued by Capitol Records (there's a 15-song Target exclusive as well) reads like a love letter to his wife, Nicole Kidman, though Urban says the album is really about couples and draws from several wells.

Urban hasn't talked in great detail about his losses since that first week in May. He assumed most of his favourite guitars were destroyed and it was a blow.

But over the six months since record rains led to 22 deaths in Tennessee and did more than US$2 billion in damage in Nashville alone, luthier Joe Glaser has managed to save some of the most important pieces. Among them is a 1957 Les Paul Goldtop, worth six figures before Urban bought it and much more now that his name is attached to it.

It's a special guitar with an unmatched sound and Glaser realized he was doing more than cleaning and gluing when he reclaimed it.

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Page apologized for the last-minute cancellation.

# Tweeting his reasons

**Singer Steven Page says he didn't scrap Canadian tour for health or personal reasons Used Twitter and his website to reach out to his worried fans**

Singer Steven Page is reassuring fans about his well-being after cancelling his upcoming Canadian tour.

The former Barenaked Ladies frontman wrote on Twitter and his website Friday that he didn't scrap the upcoming shows for health or personal reasons.

He said it was due to a "tour opportunity" he was offered for February, and that he plans to announce new dates on Monday.

Page also apologized for the last-minute cancellation and thanked fans for their concern.

Last week, Page announced his nine-date Canadian tour was being cancelled and that he would hit the road in February instead.

No reason was given for the cancelled gigs, for which fans will be refunded.

Last month, Page released Page One, his first solo album since splitting from the Barenaked Ladies in February 2009.

Page's split from the Ladies capped a difficult period in his life.

In 2008, the singer, his girlfriend and her roommate were charged with drug possession after police found cocaine at a Fayetteville, N.Y., apartment. Last October, all three secured a deal that resulted in dropped charges.

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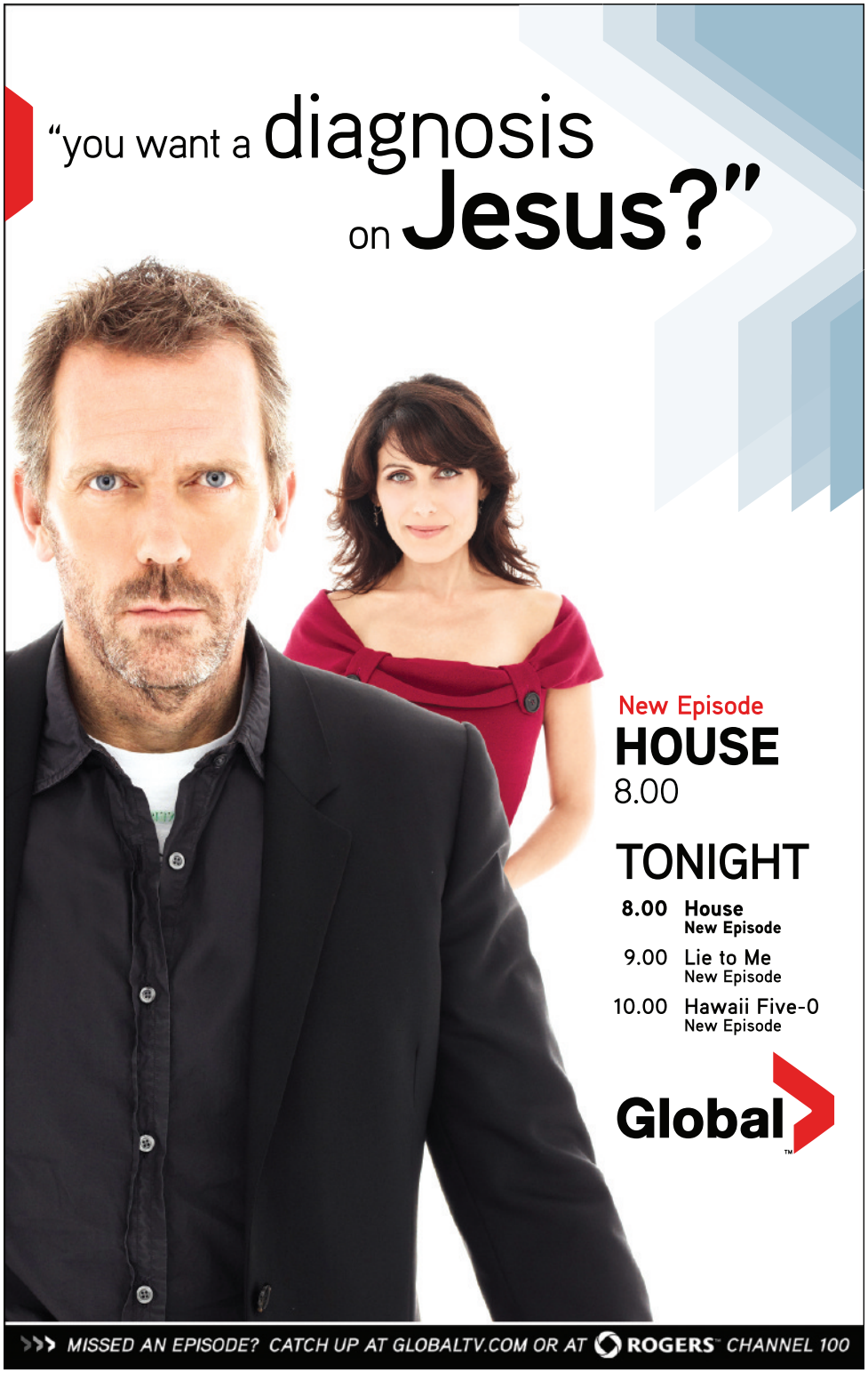


## Judge: Army bomb expert can sue Hurt Locker

An Iraq war veteran can sue the makers of the Academy Award-winning film The Hurt Locker in California, not New Jersey, over his claim that the lead character was based on him and he was given no credit or compensation, a judge ruled Friday.

U.S. District Judge Dennis Cavanaugh also denied the defendants' motion to dismiss the lawsuit, though the ruling focused on the issue of jurisdiction and not on the merits of the case.

The lawsuit was brought last spring by Master Sgt. Jeffrey Sarver, an Army bomb disposal expert.

Screenwriter Mark Boal wrote about Sarver in an article published in Playboy magazine in 2005. Boal and director Kathryn Bigelow are defendants in the lawsuit, as are Playboy Enterprises, Kingsgate Films and other companies involved in the film's production and distribution.

The Hurt Locker won six Oscars in 2010, including best picture and best original screenplay.

Sarver brought the suit in New Jersey because he lived there during the time the film was produced, according to court filings. But Cavanaugh's ruling noted that Sarver had moved to Tennessee by the time the film opened nationwide and called the choice of New Jersey "seemingly random."

According to the lawsuit, Sarver deployed to Iraq in 2004 as an explosive ordnance disposal technician tasked with identifying and disposing unexploded munitions and IEDs.

Boal was embedded with Sarver's company for 30 days in late 2004 and ultimately produced an article, The Man in the Bomb Suit, for Playboy that revealed numerous details of Sarver's personal life.

Sarver claims that the Hurt Locker character Will James, played in the movie by Jeremy Renner, "is really the Plaintiff, the Plaintiff's name and likeness, and Plaintiff's personal story which were misappropriated by Defendants without Plaintiff's consent."

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# Product Hailed by Doctors as the Solution for Back Pain

***Doctor developed decompression belt that significantly reduces back pain. Dr.Michael Ho announced, he is giving 50% off to all readers of the Metro Newspaper. Save money and help relieve back pain: Due to the winter rush, each household is limited to only 2 belts.***

By Marc Charron - *Health and Lifestyle*

Back pain affects 80% of North Americans. It can also rob you of your happiness, where getting out of bed becomes a painful reminder of your bad back. While pills provide temporary relief, the condition can reoccur. The reason is because pills mask the symptoms and do not target the cause of the pain. Other treatments cost thousands of dollars or have substantial health risks. "That's why most people end up "living" with their bad back" - says Dr. Michael Ho.

Dr. Michael Ho is a doctor with over 20 years of clinical experience specializing in treating the cause of chronic back pain, including Scoliosis, Spinal Stenosis and Herniated / Bulging discs. His belief is to treat the cause of the problem so that patients get long term relief, earning him international recognition for his patient care and expertise.

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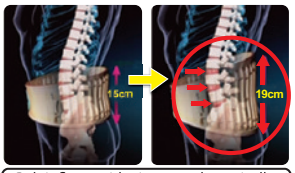


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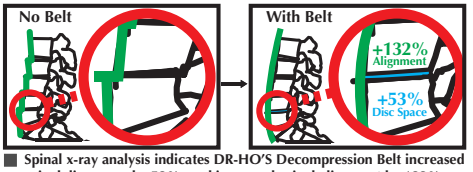
Dr.Michael Ho treats patient suffering with herniated disc, degenerated disc and over 10 years of back pain.

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# Lohan gets axed from new movie

**The troubled young star will no longer be playing adult film star Linda Lovelace in the film Inferno**

The next acting job Lindsay Lohan was relying on has gone away.

Inferno director Matthew Wilder tells E! News that the troubled starlet will no longer be playing adult film star Linda Lovelace in his movie.

"We have stuck by Lindsay very patiently for a long time with a lot of love and support," Wilder says.

"Ultimately, the impossibility of insuring her — and some other issues — have made it impossible for us to go forward."

A rep for Lohan says the decision was "mutual" and that Lohan is "concentrating on her recovery."

Actress Malin Akerman has reportedly already stepped in to take the role, according to Deadline Hollywood.

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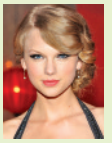
▶ Lindsay Lohan has been dropped from what was to be her next movie.

## Celebrity tweets



**Taylor Swift [@taylorswift13]**
Just went shopping at at a Japanese dept and found the biggest journal/stationery section over!!! It was like heaven. Well, for me.

**Diablo Cody [@diablocody]**
I was so busy making cooler-than-thou jokes about Taylor Swift that I didn't notice my index finger buying every one of her new songs

**Kelly Osbourne [@MissKellyO]**
between the dog licking its fanny all night long and my mums snoring i have the worst nights sleep ever!!!!!!!!!

# Tony Parker goes on the defence in split with Longoria

After denying allegations of infidelity during his marriage to Eva Longoria, Tony Parker has reportedly filed his own divorce petition against the Desperate Housewives actress, according to TMZ.

The filing reportedly claims that the couple's marriage has become "insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities between Petitioner and Respondent that destroys the legitimate ends of the marriage relationships and prevents any reasonable expectation of reconciliation."

Longoria filed for divorce from Parker last week.

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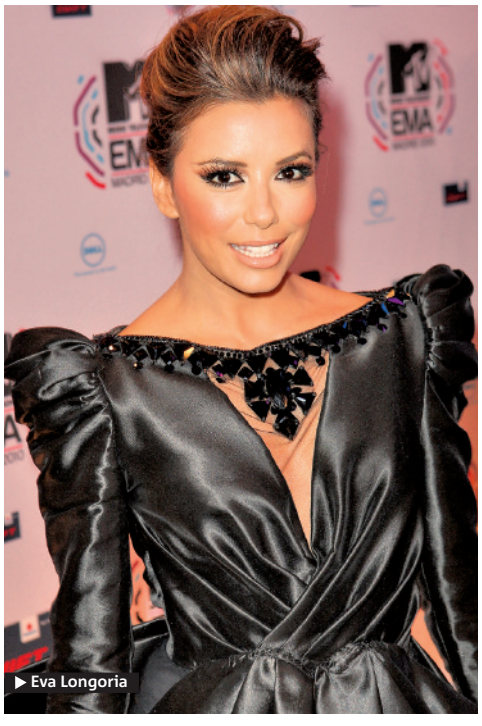

▶ Eva Longoria

# Aguilera opens up about her divorce

Christina Aguilera has kept pretty quiet about her separation from husband Jordan Bratman, but she opened up about it with talk-show host Chelsea Handler.

"I'm doing good. I'm doing really good. Sometimes change is good," Aguilera says.

"I'm entering a whole different chapter of my life now with the movie and my son and being a mother and the next evolution of my life. It's going good."

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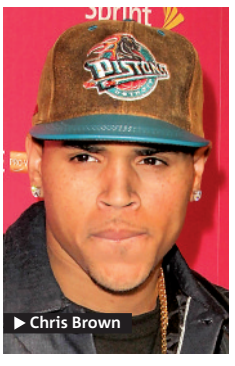
▶ Christina Aguilera



▶ Chris Brown

# Chris Brown continues to impress the judge

Chris Brown is getting high praise for his work at rehabilitating himself, according to TMZ.

During a probation progress report for the singer's assault conviction — from clashing with ex-girlfriend Rihanna in 2009 — the judge said of Brown, "No one has ever done a better or more consistent job than you have."

Brown has 819 hours of community service to complete.

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## Talking points

### Snipes heads to jail for three years

**TAX EVASION.** After years of fighting his tax evasion conviction, Wesley Snipes has turned himself into authorities to begin serving his three-year prison sentence, according to TMZ.

Snipes was taken into custody by federal authorities over the weekend after a judge revoked his bail and ordered the actor to surrender himself. METRO

**With her trademark humour, Sedaris' new book roasts the 1970s-era earnestness often associated with crafting Despite the book's irreverence, Sedaris hopes it will inspire readers to remember the crafts they once loved**

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The Painted Rocks project from Simple Times

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Stars made with marshmallows, toothpicks and glitter

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Mexican Sugar Skulls project from Simple Times

# Amy Sedaris gets crafty in Simple Times

Amy Sedaris grew up making crafts, but that doesn't mean she has to like them.

"I hate crafts," Sedaris said with an upbeat grin as she kicked off a book tour to promote Simple Times: Crafts for Poor People – the tongue-in-cheek guide she wrote with collaborator Paul Dinello.

With her trademark humour, Sedaris roasts the 1970s-era earnestness often associated with crafting, with chapters such as Crafting for Jesus, and Teenagers Have a Lot of Pain. But she also offers plenty of inventive ideas, and conveys warmth and knowledge about her subject.

Sedaris grew up making crafts in North Carolina with her family, including her brother, the humour writer David Sedaris.

"At Christmas, we would make all of our ornaments out of papier-mache and Styrofoam balls and things like that," she said.

Still, after a year of incessant crafting for the book, the only project she still can stand is weaving simple pot holders out of cotton loops.

"I make those when I'm on an airplane or when I'm watching TV because it prevents me from biting my fingernails," she said. "I sell them when I'm travelling."

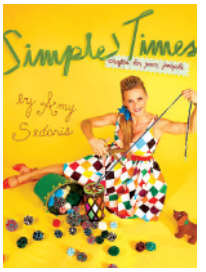
Sedaris, a TV and movie actress perhaps best known for her Comedy Central series Strangers with Candy, is also a baker who has sold cupcakes and cheese balls out of bakeries and coffee shops in New York.

The idea for a crafting book grew out of her previous book, I Like You: Hospitality Under the Influence, a humorous guide to entertaining, published in 2006. It ended with a crafts section, and "I didn't have much room for it," she said. "So I had in the back of my head that maybe one day I'll do a crafts book."

After the chapters were decided on, Sedaris transformed her apartment in New York's West Village into a workshop for hundreds of projects.

Collaborators included comedian Stephen Colbert, who showed how to make a pin out of pieces of broken china found on a beach, and designer Todd Oldham, who made a tinfoil bracelet — one of Sedaris' favourite pieces in the book. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Simple Times**




**Sedaris spent a year coming up with quirky chapter themes, such as crafts for people with various handicaps (Handicraftible).**

- Those with anger issues are encouraged to distress a wooden box with scissors, "randomly stabbing it like you would a lover who has spurned you."
- A section on nature crafts offers instructions on making a worm composting bin, as well as recipes for mint juleps and stuffed mushrooms.
- The book includes a chapter on crafts that can be done by the poor.

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# Easy gluten-free loaf

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▶ This cranberry-almond loaf is gluten-free.

**Ingredients:**

- 175 ml (3/4 cup) creamy roasted almond butter, room temperature
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 3 large eggs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) arrowroot powder
- 5 ml (1 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) baking soda
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) dried apricots, chopped into 5 mm (1/4 inch) pieces
- 125 (1/2) cup dried cranberries
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sesame seeds
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sunflower seeds
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pumpkin seeds
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sliced almonds, plus 30 ml (2 tbsp) to sprinkle on top

**Preparation:**

1. In a large bowl, blend almond butter, olive oil and eggs with a handheld mixer until smooth.
2. In a medium bowl, combine arrowroot powder, salt and baking soda. Blend arrowroot mixture into wet ingredients until thoroughly combined. Fold in apricots, cranberries, seeds and sliced almonds.
3. Grease a 1.5-l (3 1/2-by-7 1/2-by-2 1/4-inch) loaf pan with olive oil and dust with almond flour. Pour batter into loaf pan and sprinkle remaining sliced almonds on top.
4. Bake in a 180 C (350 F) oven for 40 to 50 minutes or until a knife inserted into centre comes out clean. Let bread cool in pan for 1 hour.
5. Store in cool place until ready to serve, or wrap for a holiday bake sale. Makes one loaf.

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## Avocado blueberry salad

▶ This avocado blueberry salad makes for a light lunch.

**Ingredients :**

- 4 small avocados
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) lime juice
- pinch salt
- 300 ml (1 1/4 cup) frozen wild blueberries
- 250 ml (1 cup) 1 per cent cottage cheese
- 5 ml (1 tsp) honey
- pinch cayenne pepper (optional)
- 250 ml (1 cup) alfalfa sprouts

**Preparation:**

1. Cut avocados in half and remove pits. Remove peel and slice thinly.
2. Arrange slices on a large plate. Drizzle with lime juice and sprinkle with salt.
3. In a bowl, combine wild blueberries, cottage cheese and honey. Add cayenne, if using. Dollop over avocado slices and top with sprouts before serving.

# Opa! Chef bottles tasty new olive oil

**Professional Toronto chef Christine Cushing is bringing her own variety of the Greek staple to Canada**

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▶ Chef Christine Cushing has created her own olive oil.

In Greece, where Christine Cushing was born, residents consume almost 25 litres of olive oil per capita annually.

In fact, people use twice that of any other Mediterranean country.

Cushing, a professional chef from Toronto who became well known for her cooking shows on Food Network Canada, is bringing her own variety of Greek olive oil to Canada.

An ardent fan of using olive oils in her cooking as an essential ingredient, she now has two varieties in Canadian stores.

The original, labelled Bold, is produced in Crete. It has a peppery finish and is the perfect dressing oil for arugula, Belgian endive and flavour-forward vegetables, she says.

"And although my mother is from Crete, I had never been there," she says. "I was blown away by the smells of dried oregano and wild thyme that permeates everywhere."

Cushing's most recent oil import, an organic oil named Vibrant, is from the coastal Peloponnese region of Mani on the mainland.

"It is medium-bodied, forwardly fruity, round with grassy and floral notes," she explains.

It is perfect as a dressing for subtle lettuces and vegetables, drizzled over pasta, used in homemade mayonnaise, in dessert preparations including cookies and as a finishing oil for mild white fish.

Although both products are made from Koroneiki olives, they are distinctly different as they express the flavours of their respective terroirs.

They are being produced by a friend in Greece who is an olive oil maker.

"He and his family make super high-end oils and helped me source them," she says.

Cushing says that there is a lot of misinformation about extra-virgin olive oil in North America.

"Unlike Europe, there is no regulation to govern the quality of olive oil. There, in order to call something extra-virgin, it can have no more than one per cent acidity."

Cushing is concerned that Canadian consumers are perplexed "because they don't know what a great oil should taste like and what it should cost."

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# Winnie the Pooh in your kitchen

## The honey loving bear's cookbook has been reissued

At the New York Public Library, visitors to the Winnie-the-Pooh room are greeted by a mural of the bear and his friends sitting down to dinner.

"That's the iconic image that the publisher chose to welcome people into the room," says Elizabeth Bird.

Bird is the senior children's librarian at the institution, which is also home to the Pooh stuffed animals owned by the real-life Christopher Robin.

"That's the first thing you'll see, before you even see Pooh."

Another wall features Pooh with his honey pots.

Food and friendship have always been central to A.A. Milne's classic tales.

As a tribute to this notion, Dutton publishing has reissued Virginia Ellison's 1969 book, The Winnie-the-Pooh Cookbook.

Though the recipes for "smackerels," like honey toffee apples and easy honey buns, have been updated and purged of lard, the book still features original drawings by Ernest H. Shepard.

It is also interspersed with memorable quotes from Pooh and his coterie.

And messages that speak even to today's children.

"Kids understand being hungry and wanting more of your favourite food," Bird says.

"It's kind of a wish fulfilment.

"Imagine having a pot as big as yourself filled with your favourite food. Like a big pot of cake."

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▶ The Winnie-the-Pooh Cookbook is now available.

# Warding off a cocoa crisis

**Chocolate could be as rare and expensive as caviar in 20 years, experts say But principles of fair trade and technology could prevent a global chocolate crisis**

CÉLIA PEDROSO
METRO WORLD NEWS

The disturbing news spread like wildfire in forums and websites across the Internet: chocolate could be extremely rare and pricey in 20 years' time, experts claim.

This news is sure to frighten candy lovers and the general public the world over.

Despite this, the World Cocoa Foundation (WCF), a leading industry group in promoting sustainable cocoa farming, doesn't believe that prediction has to become reality and is helping farmers, in partnership with businesses, governments and research institutes, with the tools they need to succeed.

The startling revelation about chocolate gathered strength just last week when John Mason, founder of the Ghana-based Nature Conservation Research Council, told British newspaper the Independent that shortages in production in Africa — which produces around 70 per cent of worlds cocoa — will have worrying consequences.

"In 20 years chocolate will be like caviar. It will become so rare and so expensive that the average Joe just won't be able to afford it," Mason is quoted as saying.

However, Bill Guyton, the president of the WCF, is more optimistic. "While we understand the research data indicating that cocoa could become a rarity in 20 years time, the WCF does not believe that prediction has to become reality."

But in order to meet the growing demand for chocolate products, farmers must get better conditions, Guyton tells Metro.

"Cocoa farming will need to become more professionalized and the social, economic and environmental conditions for the millions of small-scale farmers who grow the crop in West Africa, Latin America and Southeast Asia need to be improved."

On a recent trip to West Africa, Bill visited a farmer who, having completed technical training, was producing nearly two tons per hectare by using improved planting materials, proper tree spacing, fertilizers and pest controls.

"This is nearly three times the national averages of most cocoa-producing countries. That is just one example of our efforts to improve cocoa farm production and the living standards of those who grow the crop. To date, WCF has reached some 420,000 farmers with improved cultivation techniques resulting in yield and income improvements of as much as 20 to 40 per cent."

### Chocolate lovers

**Top 10 Retail chocolate 2009 Imports (in USD). Source: Globe Trade Atlas, May 2010.**

- **United Kingdom** 1,285,774,486
- **France** 1,167,694,492
- **Germany** 1,158,638,904
- **United States** 1,158,638,904
- **Netherlands** 640,327,533
- **Canada** 545,104,740
- **Spain** 461,286,953
- **Russia** 419,698,549
- **Austria** 391,990,108
- **Italy** 368,404,445

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▶ Tetejay Sesay is part of the Selbelhill Cocoa Farmers' Association in Liberia.

**Bill Guyton is president of the World Cocoa Foundation, with nearly 25 years of experience in sustainable development. The WCF is a non-profit organization, with approximately 70 member companies involved in the cocoa and chocolate industries around the world, representing over 80 per cent of the global market.**

**Why are farmers seeing less incentive to replant the crop?**
Cocoa farming is not a plantation crop, but rather grown and harvested by millions of small scale farmers in remote areas of the tropics. One of the major challenges we face is how to reach the large numbers of farmers, many who do not belong to any formal farmer group. Farmers respond well when they are given technical training. Investments in training and improved infrastructure is a win for all partners, including farmers, industry, host governments, and chocolate-loving consumers.

**Could a scientific breakthrough, such as the cocoa genome, help both farmers and consumers?**
We have seen some very positive developments on cocoa research, such as the genome projects. This can play an important part to improve cocoa farm productivity. We at WCF look at cocoa farming holistically; productivity improvements also need to be accompanied by strong social and environmental initiatives.

CÉLIA PERDROSO

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# GETTING RID OF OLD LIGHTS

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**Question: I'm considering switching to LED holiday lights to decorate my house this year.**

**If I decide to switch, what do I do with the old tangled string of lights?**

**Chris of Vancouver**

Making the switch to more energy-efficient LED (light-emitting diode) holiday lights is an excellent tradition to establish this year.

LEDs use 90 per cent less energy, last 10 times longer, and are more durable because they don't have filaments or glass bulbs like traditional lights. Where they don't differ much is in the price. You might also want to purchase a timer to save even more money on your utility bill.

As for recycling that old string of lights, you have a few options.

Most regional recycling facilities can help. Find out what you can recycle in your area by contacting the BC Recycling Council at 1-800-667-4321. In 2009, for example, BC Hydro set up an incandescent light-string recycling program in the Lower Mainland during the Bright Nights in Stanley Park seasonal event. No matter where you live, you can visit the website of your utility provider to see if it is hosting a similar local event.

Various retailers, such as Home Depot, have also hosted holiday light exchanges in the past. Find out if your local hardware store is collecting old strings.

Some stores will even reward your recycling and energy-saving efforts by offering discounts on LED options.

Holiday LEDs is an e-commerce company that offers a program to recycle your lights. It's free, but you will have to pay to ship the lights to Michigan.

Consider getting together with friends or family and put together one parcel. In 2009/2010 Holiday LEDs recycled about 4,500 kilograms of old lights. Find the company online at HolidayLEDs.com or visit its Facebook page.

David Suzuki Foundation

# LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST VIOLENCE

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The gunshot exploded through the night air, smashing the glass of the sandwich shop and shattering the spine of Louise Russo. She had stopped to get her daughter a late-night snack and now she was lying on the floor bleeding and unable to move.

Months of surgery and therapy followed. She was alive but facing a new world filled with wheelchairs, health issues, a devastated family and the continued care of a special needs child. Through the dark days of her despair came a moment of inspiration. "I wanted to turn a horrible tragedy into something positive."

Russo was injured by an underworld hit gone wrong. Since children and youth were her passion, she decided to reach out to communities torn apart by violent crime.

Since 2006 she has hosted two public walks against violence, talked to over 30,000 students in schools, and created the Louise Russo Youth and Leadership Awards. Her message is clear. "Young people need to believe in themselves and realize their voices do count."

The gentle, shy and unassuming Louise Russo has become the face and force of an anti-violence movement in Canada. Now it's time to help and lend your voice to the cause.

Applications are being accepted from across Canada for the 2011 Youth and Leadership Awards. They're looking for young people between the ages of nine and 19 who have shown leadership to reduce violence in their communities.

Do you know someone? Is it you? Take a stand against violence with Louise Russo and make it a turning point for you and your community.

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▶ Louise Russo has become the face and force of an anti-violence movement in Canada.

### Youth gun violence rising

- Since 2002, youth accused of a gun-related offence has risen 32 per cent.
- Highest rates of overall gun violence in Canada is Vancouver, Winnipeg and Toronto.
- Youth gun violence is highest in Toronto and Saskatoon.

SOURCE: STATS CAN

### Exceptional youth

The Louise Russo Youth and Leadership Awards are open to nine- to 19-year-olds who:

1. Demonstrate respect for others and responsibility to their schools and community.
2. Have been involved in leading a project that made a change in their community or school.
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# Business travellers really earn their vacations

**Poll shows two-thirds of Canadians can use their business travel points for personal use The right credit card can make the most of rewards program**

Everybody's working for the weekend — or even better, the week-off. If you're a small business owner who travels often, make sure your business travel credit card is working as hard as you are. With the right credit card, the trips that you have to take can help you accumulate points for the trips you want to take.

According to a recent poll by TD Canada Trust, two-thirds of Canadians can use the travel points they accumulate on business travel for personal use. Here are some tips on how to make the most of your credit card rewards program.

**Accumulating points**

Use your business travel credit card for as many business expenses as possible. It may seem simple, but the only way to accumulate points on your card is by using it. By using your card for most business expenses on a trip, you can avoid travelling with a lot of cash and you will earn more points with each trip.

**Look for ways to double up**

Some travel cards offer ways to accumulate double or triple the rewards. For instance, with a TD Business Travel Visa Card, you earn triple the rewards when you book travel on your credit card through the TD Travel Rewards Centre.

**Redeeming points**

You've earned your vacation time and your travel points, so there shouldn't be limitations on how you use them. Research your travel card to make sure it gives you the flexibility to redeem your travel points for any travel – not just hotel accommodations and flights, but room service, car rentals, airport parking and even taxes. When you get a chance to travel for leisure, it should be on your own terms, not someone else's.

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# Do you know who your online friends are?

**The way you compose yourself online and the things you write or post represent you as a real-world person.**

Did you know you can be fired from your job for an inappropriate Facebook status, a questionable Myspace photo or a controversial Tweet?

You may think it can't happen, but it can, and it does. And there are worse repercussions than being fired, too.

That's why it's important to watch what you post online. Your real-life reputation is based on your interactions and the way you compose yourself in real-world, face-to-face circumstances. Just as you have a real-world reputation, you also have an online reputation.

It's easy to think that because of the disconnected nature of the Internet, the things you post online won't harm your real-world reputation. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

Just because you are posting from the comfort of a computer screen doesn't mean the post is not associated with you.

Even if your privacy settings are set so that only your friends can see what you are posting, word can travel fast.

Someone can always see a questionable post from you and report it to a boss, parent, teacher, spouse or friend.

Before you post anything online — be it a picture, status update, comment or wall post — make sure it's something you are comfortable being associated with. If there is a picture or comment you're unsure about, don't post it.

If you are feeling angry or emotional, you probably shouldn't post it. If there is a picture of you engaging in an inappropriate activity, definitely don't post it.

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## Online privacy

Jennifer Stoddart, Privacy Commissioner of Canada, offers some helpful advice for online privacy.

- Stoddart encourages parents to take the time to talk to their kids about privacy and the value of their personal information.
- Let them know that privacy is a fundamental right in our society, and their personal information should only be collected with their permission, distributed according to their wishes, and used in ways to which they agree.
- Visit youthprivacy.ca for more information

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▶ When it comes to social networking sites, think before you post to avoid headaches later.

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## Sports in brief

**1** Titans QB Vince Young has a torn flexor tendon in his right thumb and may need season-ending surgery.

**2** Jimmie Johnson won his record fifth straight Sprint Cup title.

**3** A person with knowledge of the situation says the New York Mets have hired Terry Collins as their manager.

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## Season done for Argos after Als run away with East final

| ALOUETTES | ARGONAUTS |
|---|---|
| 48 | 17 |

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▶ Montreal's Tim Maypray returns a punt for an 85-yard touchdown in the first quarter.

# Going

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▶ Montreal's Avon Cobourne crosses the goal line for a third-quarter touchdown.

# Going

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▶ Cleo Lemon and Mike Bradwell walk off the field after the Argos' loss.

# Gone

The Toronto Argonauts haven't been anywhere near the playoffs since 2007, so seen in that light this season's run to the East Division final should be considered a wild success.

But in the aftermath of a 48-17 pummelling from the defending Grey Cup champion Montreal Alouettes yesterday, Argos head coach Jim Barker simply could not see it that way.

"I'm disappointed for our guys," Barker said. "It has been a beautiful journey for our guys. But this is a beginning for us, it's not an end. It's about learning form this experience, like every loss we've had this year."

The Argonauts won 10 games this year, including last weekend's 16-13 victory over Hamilton at Ivor Wynne Stadium that marked the franchise's first playoff triumph in four years.

Since Don Matthews took over as Argos head coach 10 games into the 2008 season, the franchise had won only three of its previous 26 games before Barker arrived on the scene.

The dividends were immediate as the Argos needed only four weeks to match that three-win total under Barker.

"Maybe tomorrow I'll look back like that, but right now I feel disappointed for our players, I feel like I didn't do enough," Barker said. "Every player in that locker-room, every coach in that locker-room gave it everything they had this week. They put their hearts on the line all week long."

With an excellent defence to build around, the number one issue for the Argos this off-season will be the future of embattled starting quarterback Cleo Lemon.

He was clearly overmatched against Anthony Calvillo, finishing the East final with 169 yards on 11-of-21 passing with two interceptions and no touchdowns. He didn't complete his first pass until the second quarter, by which point it was already 17-0 Montreal and pretty much out of reach for an offence that struggles to score.

While he wouldn't assure that Lemon will be back next season, Barker pointed out that he led his team to 10 wins this season, more than the Argos had the two previous seasons combined.

Most importantly, Lemon got an endorsement from the man he faced off against Sunday.

"I think people haven't given Cleo Lemon enough credit, he's led his team to the Eastern final in his first year," Calvillo said. "They always talk about how he hasn't done it with his yards, but he's done enough to help that football team win.

"I told him he had an amazing year at the end of the game, and to keep working because he's only going to get better and that team is going to get better."

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### Back for more?

**Defending champion Montreal has a shot at a rare feat.**

- The win gave Montreal a chance for a second straight Grey Cup when they face the West Division champion Saskatchewan Roughriders in Edmonton next Sunday in a rematch of last year's game.
- No team has won back-to-back Grey Cup titles since the Argonauts did it in 1996 and 1997.
- Montreal has only two wins in seven Grey Cup appearances in the last decade.

## Riders earn another shot at the Cup

| RIDERS | STAMPS |
|---|---|
| 20 | 16 |

The Saskatchewan Roughriders are going back to the Grey Cup with an opportunity to exorcise the ghosts of last year's debacle in the CFL championship game.

The Roughriders downed the Calgary Stampeders 20-16 in a frigid West final Sunday at McMahon Stadium. They earned a rematch with the Alouettes, who beat them 28-27 last year.

Saskatchewan and Montreal meet next Sunday in Edmonton for the CFL's championship trophy.

Chris Getzlaf, Cary Koch and Wes Cates scored touchdowns for the Roughriders yesterday.

Arjei Franklin scored Calgary's lone TD with Rob Maver kicking two field goals and Burke Dales adding three single points.

Light snow falling and a windchill of minus-24 C at kickoff greeted an announced sellout crowd of 35,260 at McMahon. A light dusting of snow on the turf made footing for players treacherous, particularly for the kick returners.

Conditions further deteriorated during the game as the temperature nosedived and snow began falling again in the third quarter.

Calgary had the best offence in the CFL this season but didn't get on track Sunday. Quarterback Henry Burris completed 19 of 28 passes for 225 yards. He threw one touchdown and one interception.

Saskatchewan counterpart Darian Durant didn't have strong numbers going 20-for-36, but he threw one more touchdown pass than Burris and was also intercepted once.

Getzlaf, a Regina native, led all receivers with eight catches for 109 yards.

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▶ Andrea Bargnani of the Raptors, centre, is fouled by Glen Davis, left, and Shaquille O'Neal of the Celtics yesterday.

# Raptors pull out close win over Celtics

## Bargnani scores 29 as Raps beat star-studded Celtics

A young struggling team playing a couple of men down in the wake of a major trade, facing a squad of seasoned veterans: The excuses were practically prescripted for the Toronto Raptors.

But in the end, the Raptors didn't need them.

Andrea Bargnani scored 29 points and Amir Johnson connected on a pair of free throws with under three seconds on the clock yesterday to give the undermanned Raptors a 102-101 victory over the Boston Celtics, ending a string of eight straight losses against the star-studded Celtics.

| RAPTORS | CELTICS |
|---|---|
| 102 | 101 |

"Our guys played real gutsy, we didn't give them anything real easy," said Raptors coach Jay Triano. "I just thought to a man, we made them work for everything. This is a (Celtics) team that has 96,000 points between them. We're sitting there with 12,000. They're a veteran team. But our guys competed."

Johnson finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds, Sonny Weems had 16, Leandro Barbosa added 12 in his first appearance since missing six straight games with a shoulder injury, and Jose Calderon finished with 11. Reggie Evans had a game-high 16 boards to go with nine points for Toronto (5-9), which has won three consecutive games for the first time this season.

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## Rapids win MLS Cup

An own goal in the 107th minute earned the Colorado Rapids the MLS Cup in a tense 2-1 win over FC Dallas on a cold, windy Sunday night.

The championship decider in the second extra time period bounced in off six-foot-three Dallas defender George John after a cross found Macoumba Kandji in the penalty box. The Colorado substitute nutmegged a defender, bouncing off him after sending the ball towards the goal, where it deflected off John past goalie Kevin Hartman.

There were empty seats at BMO Field for the 8:55 p.m. ET kickoff, with MLS officials pegging the game-time temperature at just above 7 degrees Celsius.

The coldest MLS Cup at kickoff — 6.7 degrees Celsius — was the inaugural championship in 1996 in Foxborough, Mass.

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## Federer, Murray nab opener wins

Roger Federer and Andy Murray won their opening matches at the ATP World Tour Finals yesterday, each victorious in straight sets on the opening day of the season-ending event.

Federer beat David Ferrer 6-1, 6-4 on the indoor hard court at the O2 Arena, while Murray defeated Robin Soderling 6-2, 6-4.

Rafael Nadal will face Andy Roddick today.

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# Winner and losers around the NFL

### Game results

Aaron Rodgers threw for 301 yards besting Brett Favre and Minnesota for the second time this season and sending the Green Bay Packers to a 31-3 victory over the skidding Vikings.

### Impact on the standings

The Packers (7-3) kept pace in the NFC North race with the Chicago Bears (7-3) and ruined any realistic hope the Vikings (3-7) had left to give Favre another playoff run.

Pittsburgh's James Harrison-led defence drove Jason Campbell from the game, caused two turnovers that Ben Roethlisberger turned into touchdown passes and the Steelers routed the Oakland Raiders 35-3.

Pittsburgh remained tied for the AFC North lead with Baltimore (7-3). Oakland (5-5) fell out of a tie for the AFC West lead when the Chiefs beat Arizona.

Tom Brady barely outduelled Peyton Manning in their annual meeting, leading the New England Patriots past the Indianapolis Colts 31-28.

New England is tied with the Jets atop the AFC East. Indianapolis (6-4) leads the AFC South.

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## EASTERN CONFERENCE

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SL | GF | GA | Pts | Home | Away | Last 10 | Strk |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| d-Washington | 21 | 14 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 74 | 59 | 30 | 10-1-0-1 | 4-4-1-0 | 7-1-1-1 | L2 |
| d-Philadelphia | 21 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 75 | 53 | 28 | 8-4-0-0 | 5-2-2-0 | 7-2-1-0 | W1 |
| d-Montreal | 20 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 51 | 39 | 27 | 7-4-1-0 | 6-2-0-0 | 6-4-0-0 | W1 |
| Boston | 18 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 54 | 35 | 24 | 4-4-0-2 | 7-1-0-0 | 5-3-0-2 | L1 |
| Tampa Bay | 20 | 11 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 62 | 64 | 24 | 4-2-1-0 | 7-5-1-0 | 4-5-1-0 | W3 |
| Pittsburgh | 21 | 11 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 66 | 57 | 24 | 5-5-1-0 | 6-3-1-0 | 6-3-1-0 | W2 |
| NY Rangers | 21 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 63 | 59 | 23 | 4-6-1-0 | 7-3-0-0 | 5-5-0-0 | W1 |
| Atlanta | 21 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 68 | 73 | 21 | 5-5-0-1 | 4-4-1-1 | 4-5-0-1 | W2 |
| Carolina | 20 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 63 | 68 | 20 | 5-3-0-1 | 4-6-0-1 | 4-4-0-2 | L2 |
| Ottawa | 20 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 49 | 65 | 19 | 5-4-0-0 | 4-6-1-0 | 5-5-0-0 | L3 |
| Buffalo | 22 | 8 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 58 | 68 | 19 | 3-7-1-0 | 5-4-1-0 | 5-4-1-0 | L1 |
| Florida | 18 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 45 | 18 | 5-2-0-0 | 4-7-0-0 | 6-4-0-0 | W1 |
| Toronto | 19 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 43 | 54 | 17 | 5-4-1-1 | 2-5-0-1 | 2-6-0-2 | L1 |
| New Jersey | 20 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 36 | 65 | 12 | 1-5-1-1 | 4-8-0-0 | 3-6-0-1 | L3 |
| NY Islanders | 20 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 44 | 71 | 12 | 2-4-0-1 | 2-8-2-1 | 0-8-1-1 | L13 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

| | GP | W | L | OTL | SL | GF | GA | Pts | Home | Away | Last 10 | Strk |
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| d-Detroit | 18 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 66 | 48 | 28 | 9-1-1-1 | 4-2-0-0 | 8-1-1-0 | W1 |
| d-Los Angeles | 19 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 46 | 26 | 8-1-0-0 | 5-5-0-0 | 7-3-0-0 | W1 |
| d-Colorado | 20 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 72 | 60 | 25 | 6-4-0-0 | 5-4-1-0 | 7-3-0-0 | W4 |
| St. Louis | 19 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 52 | 51 | 25 | 8-0-0-1 | 3-5-1-1 | 6-3-0-1 | W2 |
| Phoenix | 20 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 57 | 59 | 25 | 4-2-2-1 | 6-3-2-0 | 7-1-1-1 | W6 |
| Columbus | 18 | 12 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 44 | 24 | 5-5-0-0 | 7-1-0-0 | 7-3-0-0 | W3 |
| Chicago | 23 | 11 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 71 | 67 | 24 | 5-7-0-0 | 6-3-1-1 | 4-5-0-1 | W1 |
| Vancouver | 20 | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 58 | 56 | 23 | 6-2-0-1 | 4-5-1-1 | 5-4-1-0 | L4 |
| Anaheim | 23 | 10 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 57 | 69 | 23 | 7-3-0-1 | 3-7-2-0 | 5-3-2-0 | L5 |
| Minnesota | 19 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 46 | 47 | 22 | 6-4-0-1 | 4-3-0-1 | 5-5-0-0 | L1 |
| San Jose | 19 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 55 | 52 | 22 | 6-3-2-0 | 3-3-2-0 | 4-3-3-0 | L3 |
| Dallas | 18 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 56 | 53 | 21 | 7-3-0-1 | 3-4-0-0 | 5-4-0-1 | L1 |
| Nashville | 18 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 47 | 49 | 21 | 3-1-3-0 | 6-5-0-0 | 4-6-0-0 | W2 |
| Calgary | 19 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 58 | 59 | 17 | 5-5-0-0 | 3-5-1-0 | 2-7-1-0 | L1 |
| Edmonton | 19 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 49 | 77 | 14 | 2-5-0-1 | 3-5-1-2 | 2-6-1-1 | W1 |

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

**Yesterday's results**
Atlanta 2 N.Y. Islanders 1 (OT)
Detroit 5 Calgary 4 (OT)
Edmonton 4 Anaheim 2
Phoenix 3 Vancouver 2
**Saturday's results**
Montreal 2 Toronto 0
Chicago 7 Vancouver 1
Colorado 4 Dallas 3 (SO)
Columbus 3 San Jose 0
Nashville 2 Carolina 1 (SO)
Florida 4 N.Y. Islanders 1
Los Angeles 4 Boston 3 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers 5 Minnesota 2
Philadelphia 5 Washington 4 (SO)
St. Louis 3 New Jersey 2
Tampa Bay 2 Buffalo 1
**Tonight's games**
**(All times Eastern)**
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Calgary at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
**Tomorrow's game**
Edmonton at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

### RED WINGS 5, FLAMES 4 (OT)

**First Period**
1. Detroit, Franzen 9 (Rafalski, Lidstrom) 1:56 (pp)
2. Calgary, Hagman 6 (Iginla) 5:21
**Penalties** — Regehr Cal (interference) 0:55, Jackman Cal (boarding) 7:07, Giordano Cal (holding) 10:38, Hagman Cal (holding) 17:38.
**Second Period**
3. Calgary, Iginla 7 (Stajan) 0:54
4. Calgary, Iginla 8 (Tanguay) 4:09 (pp)
**Penalties** — Bertuzzi Det (holding) 3:26, Backlund Cal, Abdelkader Det (roughing) 19:48.
**Third Period**
5. Detroit, Datsyuk 7 (Lidstrom, Rafalski) 2:28 (pp)
6. Calgary, Tanguay 6, 7:14
7. Detroit, Zetterberg 6 (Datsyuk, N.Kronwall) 11:04
8. Detroit, Zetterberg 7 (Datsyuk, Rafalski) 19:56 (pp)
**Penalties** — Sarich Cal (hooking) 1:53, Bertuzzi Det (interference, unsportsmanlike conduct) 8:02, Hagman Cal (slashing) 9:28, Stajan Cal (holding) 15:29, Iginla Cal, Abdelkader Det (unsportsmanlike conduct), Bouwmeester Cal (interference) 18:04.
**Overtime**
9. Detroit, Lidstrom 3 (Helm, Bertuzzi) 1:38
**Penalties** — None.
**Shots**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Calgary | 6 | 13 | 8 | 0—27 |
| Detroit | 9 | 11 | 14 | 4—38 |

**Goal** — Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,7-9-1); Detroit: Howard (W,11-1-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 1-3; Detroit: 3-7.
**Att.** — 19,636 (20,066) at Detroit.

### OILERS 4, DUCKS 2

**First Period**
No Scoring.
**Penalties** — Brule Edm (slashing) 5:14, Voros Ana (roughing) 14:18, Edmonton bench (too many men; served by Paajarvi) 17:06.
**Second Period**
1. Edmonton, Gagner 5 (Hemsky, Penner) 6:48
2. Edmonton, Hall 4 (Whitney, Horcoff) 8:29
3. Anaheim, Ryan 9 (Fowler, Visnovsky) 16:33 (pp)
4. Anaheim, Koivu 9 (Sexton, Blake) 16:55
**Penalties** — Foster Edm (holding) 2:00, Fowler Ana (tripping) 3:30, Whitney Edm (holding) 13:56, Peckham Edm (delay of game) 16:25.
**Third Period**
5. Edmonton, Hemsky 6 (Penner, Gilbert) 13:29
6. Edmonton, Gilbert 3, 19:43 (en)
**Penalty** — Sutton Ana (holding) 10:15.
**Shots**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edmonton | 4 | 14 | 7 | 25 |
| Anaheim | 19 | 13 | 8 | 40 |

**Goal** — Edmonton: Dubnyk (W,1-0-3); Anaheim: Hiller (L,8-8-2).
**Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 0-3; Anaheim: 1-5.
**Referees** — Mike Leggo, Stephen Walkom.
**Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Jean Morin.
**Attendance** — 14,267 (17,174).

### COYOTES 3, CANUCKS 2

**First Period**
No Scoring.
**Penalties** — Hansen Vcr (hooking) 11:39, Rome Vcr (holding) 15:09.
**Second Period**
1. Phoenix, Upshall 5 (Yonkman) 2:22
2. Phoenix, Pyatt 2 (Schlemko) 6:07
3. Vancouver, Ehrhoff 3 (Raymond, Burrows) 8:51
4. Vancouver, Glass 2 (Schaefer, Alberts) 14:13
**Penalties** — None.
**Third Period**
5. Phoenix, Pyatt 3 (Yandle, Stempniak) 5:52
**Penalty** — Kesler Vcr (slashing) 0:35.
**Shots**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Phoenix | 8 | 7 | 12 | 27 |
| Vancouver | 10 | 10 | 8 | 28 |

**Goal** — Phoenix: Bryzgalov (W,9-2-5); Vancouver: Luongo (L,7-7-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Phoenix: 0-3; Vancouver: 0-0.
**Att.** — 18,860 (18,810) at Vancouver.

### SCORING LEADERS

| | G | A | PT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Stamkos, TB | 19 | 16 | 35 |
| Crosby, Pgh | 14 | 19 | 33 |
| St. Louis, TB | 8 | 19 | 27 |
| Semin, Wash | 14 | 12 | 26 |
| Ovechkin, Wash | 10 | 16 | 26 |
| D.Sedin, Vcr | 12 | 12 | 24 |
| C.Stewart, Col | 11 | 13 | 24 |
| B.Richards, Dal | 9 | 15 | 24 |
| H.Sedin, Vcr | 2 | 22 | 24 |
| Giroux, Pha | 11 | 12 | 23 |
| Perry, Ana | 10 | 13 | 23 |
| Roy, Buf | 9 | 14 | 23 |
| E.Staal, Car | 9 | 14 | 23 |
| M.Richards, Pha | 8 | 15 | 23 |
| Sharp, Chi | 12 | 10 | 22 |
| P.Kane, Chi | 8 | 14 | 22 |
| Selanne, Ana | 8 | 14 | 22 |
| Backstrom, Wash | 7 | 15 | 22 |
| Hejduk, Col | 7 | 15 | 22 |
| Eriksson, Dal | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| J.Williams, LA | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| Getzlaf, Ana | 7 | 14 | 21 |
| P.Stastny, Col | 8 | 12 | 20 |
| Malkin, Pgh | 7 | 13 | 20 |
| Plekanec, Mtl | 7 | 13 | 20 |
| Liles, Col | 3 | 17 | 20 |

**Not including last night's games**

# CFL

## PLAYOFFS

**WEEK 21**
**Yesterday's results**
**Division Finals**
**East Division**
Montreal 48 Toronto 17
**West Division**
Saskatchewan 20 Calgary 16
**WEEK 22**
**Sunday, Nov. 28**
**98th Grey Cup**
**At Edmonton**
Montreal vs. Saskatchewan, 6:30 p.m

# TRANSACTIONS

## HOCKEY

### NHL

MINNESOTA WILD—Reassigned D Marco Scandella to Houston (AHL).
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Acquired F Rob Bordson and D Danny Syvret from Anaheim for F Patrick Maroon and F David Laliberte.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Reassigned F Johan Harju and D Mike Vernace to Norfolk (AHL).

### ECHL

ELMIRA JACKALS—Announced F Ryan Hiller has been recalled by Syracuse (AHL).
READING ROYALS—Announced F Mikhail Stefanovich has been assigned to the team from Toronto (AHL).

# NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 9 | 4 | .692 | — |
| New York | 6 | 8 | .429 | 3½ |
| Toronto | 5 | 9 | .357 | 4½ |
| New Jersey | 4 | 9 | .308 | 5 |
| Philadelphia | 3 | 10 | .231 | 6 |

**SOUTHEAST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Orlando | 9 | 3 | .750 | — |
| Atlanta | 8 | 5 | .615 | 1½ |
| Miami | 8 | 5 | .615 | 1½ |
| Charlotte | 5 | 8 | .385 | 4½ |
| Washington | 4 | 8 | .333 | 5 |

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 7 | 4 | .636 | — |
| Indiana | 5 | 6 | .455 | 2 |
| Cleveland | 5 | 7 | .417 | 2½ |
| Detroit | 5 | 8 | .385 | 3 |
| Milwaukee | 5 | 8 | .385 | 3 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Orleans | 11 | 1 | .917 | — |
| San Antonio | 11 | 1 | .917 | — |
| Dallas | 8 | 4 | .667 | 3 |
| Memphis | 5 | 9 | .357 | 7 |
| Houston | 3 | 9 | .250 | 8 |

**NORTHWEST DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oklahoma City | 9 | 4 | .692 | — |
| Utah | 9 | 5 | .643 | ½ |
| Portland | 8 | 6 | .571 | 1½ |
| Denver | 7 | 6 | .538 | 2 |
| Minnesota | 4 | 10 | .286 | 5½ |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

| | W | L | Pct | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| L.A. Lakers | 12 | 2 | .857 | — |
| Golden State | 7 | 6 | .538 | 4½ |
| Phoenix | 6 | 7 | .462 | 5½ |
| Sacramento | 4 | 8 | .333 | 7 |
| L.A. Clippers | 1 | 13 | .071 | 11 |

**Yesterday's results**
Toronto 102 Boston 101
New Orleans 75 Sacramento 71
Detroit 115 Washington 110 (OT)
L.A. Lakers 117 Golden State 89
**Saturday's results**
Charlotte 123 Phoenix 105
Orlando 90 Indiana 86
Memphis 97 Miami 95
Dallas 98 Atlanta 93
Oklahoma City 82 Milwaukee 81
San Antonio 116 Cleveland 92
Denver 107 New Jersey 103
Utah 103 Portland 94
New York 124 L.A. Clippers 115
**Tonight's games**
**(All times Eastern)**
Boston at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.
Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

### RAPTORS 102, CELTICS 101

**BOSTON (101)**
Pierce 5-10 9-13 19, Garnett 6-12 0-0 12, S.O'Neal 2-8 4-4 8, Robinson 8-14 3-4 22, Allen 6-14 5-7 19, G.Davis 3-6 6-8 12, Erden 0-1 0-0 0, West 2-2 1-2 5, Daniels 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 34-71 28-38 101.
**TORONTO (102)**
Weems 8-20 0-0 16, Evans 3-5 3-5 9, Bargnani 9-20 9-13 29, Calderon 4-10 2-3 11, DeRozan 2-8 2-3 6, Johnson 4-5 9-9 17, Kleiza 1-2 0-0 2, Barbosa 3-6 5-6 12. Totals 34-76 30-39 102.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boston | 31 | 27 | 17 | 26 — 101 |
| Toronto | 23 | 38 | 21 | 20 — 102 |

3-Point Goals—Boston 5-13 (Robinson 3-6, Allen 2-5, Pierce 0-2), Toronto 4-15 (Bargnani 2-6, Calderon 1-2, Barbosa 1-3, Weems 0-4).
Fouled Out—S.O'Neal. Rebounds—Boston 47 (Allen, Garnett 8), Toronto 51 (Evans 16). Assists—Boston 17 (Pierce 5), Toronto 16 (Barbosa 5). Total Fouls—Boston 28, Toronto 27.
Technicals—Boston defensive three second, Calderon, Evans, Toronto defensive three second. A—17,707 (19,800) at Toronto.

### SCORING AVERAGE

| | G | FG | FT | PTS | AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Durant, OKC | 11 | 101 | 88 | 308 | 28.0 |
| Ellis, GOL | 12 | 127 | 61 | 332 | 27.7 |
| Bryant, LAL | 13 | 113 | 94 | 339 | 26.1 |
| Rose, CHI | 11 | 109 | 45 | 277 | 25.2 |
| Nowitzki, DAL | 12 | 112 | 64 | 293 | 24.4 |
| Anthony, DEN | 13 | 117 | 73 | 317 | 24.4 |
| Martin, HOU | 12 | 80 | 100 | 285 | 23.8 |
| Westbrook, OKC | 13 | 95 | 111 | 305 | 23.5 |
| James, MIA | 13 | 102 | 88 | 304 | 23.4 |
| Gordon, LAC | 12 | 93 | 83 | 280 | 23.3 |
| Stoudemire, NYK | 14 | 119 | 81 | 324 | 23.1 |
| Wade, MIA | 12 | 91 | 82 | 275 | 22.9 |

**Not including last night's games**

# SOCCER

## MLS PLAYOFFS

### THIRD ROUND

**Championship**
**MLS Cup**
**At Toronto**
**Last night's result**
Colorado 2 FC Dallas 1 (extra time)

## ENGLAND

### PREMIER LEAGUE

| Team | GP | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chelsea | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 28 | 9 | 28 |
| Man United | 14 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 28 | 15 | 28 |
| Arsenal | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 15 | 26 |
| Man City | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 19 | 11 | 25 |
| Bolton | 14 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 26 | 20 | 22 |
| Tottenham | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 21 | 19 | 22 |
| Sunderland | 13 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 13 | 19 |
| Stoke | 14 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 18 | 19 |
| Liverpool | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 17 | 19 |
| Newcastle | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 21 | 18 |
| Blackburn | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 17 | 18 | 18 |
| Blackpool | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 21 | 27 | 18 |
| Aston Villa | 14 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 20 | 17 |
| Birmingham | 14 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 15 | 17 | 16 |
| West Brom | 14 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 16 | 25 | 16 |
| Everton | 13 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 14 | 13 | 15 |
| Fulham | 14 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 14 | 17 | 14 |
| Wigan | 14 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 23 | 14 |
| Wolverhampton | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 14 | 25 | 9 |
| West Ham | 14 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 25 | 9 |

**Yesterday's results**
Blackburn 2 Aston Villa 0
Fulham 1 Manchester City 4

## GERMANY

### BUNDESLIGA

**Yesterday's results**
Stuttgart 0 Cologne 1
St. Pauli 1 Wolfsburg 1

## SPAIN

### LA LIGA

**Yesterday's results**
Osasuna 1 Sporting Gijon 0
Espanyol 3 Hercules 0
Levante 3 Racing Santander 1
Deportivo La Coruna 3 Malaga 0
Sevilla 2 Mallorca 1
Real Sociedad 2 Atletico Madrid 4

## ITALY

### SERIE A

**Yesterday's results**
Genoa 0 Juventus 2
Brescia 1 Cagliari 2
Catania 1 Bari 0
Cesena 1 Palermo 2
Chievo Verona 2 Inter Milan 1
Lecce 2 Sampdoria 3
Parma 1 Lazio 1
Napoli 4 Bologna 1

## FRANCE

### LIGUE 1

**Yesterday's results**
Arles-Avignon 2 Bordeaux 4
Lille 2 Monaco 1
Lens 1 Lyon 3

# NFL

## AMERICAN CONFERENCE

**EAST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.Y. Jets | 8 | 2 | 0 | .800 | 238 | 177 |
| New England | 8 | 2 | 0 | .800 | 289 | 242 |
| Miami | 5 | 5 | 0 | .500 | 172 | 208 |
| Buffalo | 2 | 8 | 0 | .200 | 213 | 276 |

**SOUTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jacksonville | 6 | 4 | 0 | .600 | 220 | 270 |
| Indianapolis | 6 | 4 | 0 | .600 | 268 | 216 |
| Tennessee | 5 | 5 | 0 | .500 | 257 | 198 |
| Houston | 4 | 6 | 0 | .400 | 244 | 287 |

**NORTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Baltimore | 7 | 3 | 0 | .700 | 233 | 178 |
| Pittsburgh | 7 | 3 | 0 | .700 | 235 | 165 |
| Cleveland | 3 | 7 | 0 | .300 | 192 | 206 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 8 | 0 | .200 | 215 | 262 |

**WEST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kansas City | 6 | 4 | 0 | .600 | 243 | 207 |
| Oakland | 5 | 5 | 0 | .500 | 238 | 223 |
| San Diego | 4 | 5 | 0 | .444 | 239 | 197 |
| Denver | 3 | 6 | 0 | .333 | 203 | 252 |

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

**EAST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Philadelphia | 7 | 3 | 0 | .700 | 284 | 226 |
| N.Y. Giants | 6 | 4 | 0 | .600 | 253 | 220 |
| Washington | 5 | 5 | 0 | .500 | 202 | 245 |
| Dallas | 3 | 7 | 0 | .300 | 229 | 271 |

**SOUTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atlanta | 8 | 2 | 0 | .800 | 256 | 192 |
| New Orleans | 7 | 3 | 0 | .700 | 235 | 170 |
| Tampa Bay | 7 | 3 | 0 | .700 | 209 | 206 |
| Carolina | 1 | 9 | 0 | .100 | 117 | 252 |

**NORTH**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Chicago | 7 | 3 | 0 | .700 | 191 | 146 |
| Green Bay | 7 | 3 | 0 | .700 | 252 | 146 |
| Minnesota | 3 | 7 | 0 | .300 | 172 | 226 |
| Detroit | 2 | 8 | 0 | .200 | 234 | 237 |

**WEST**

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Seattle | 5 | 5 | 0 | .500 | 185 | 233 |
| St. Louis | 4 | 6 | 0 | .400 | 177 | 198 |
| San Francisco | 3 | 7 | 0 | .300 | 160 | 219 |
| Arizona | 3 | 7 | 0 | .300 | 188 | 292 |

### WEEK 11

**Yesterday's results**
Atlanta 34 St. Louis 17
Baltimore 37 Carolina 13
Buffalo 49 Cincinnati 31
Dallas 35 Detroit 19
Green Bay 31 Minnesota 3
Jacksonville 24 Cleveland 20
Kansas City 31 Arizona 13
New England 31 Indianapolis 28
New Orleans 34 Seattle 19
N.Y. Jets 30 Houston 27
Pittsburgh 35 Oakland 3
Tampa Bay 21 San Francisco 0
Washington 19 Tennessee 16 (OT)
Philadelphia 27 N.Y. Giants 17
**Thursday's result**
Chicago 16 Miami 0
**Tonight's games**
**(All times Eastern)**
Denver at San Diego, 8:30 p.m.

### WEEK 12

**Thursday, Nov. 25**
New England at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 8:20 p.m.
**Sunday, Nov. 28**
Green Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.
Miami at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 4:15 p.m.
St. Louis at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at Indianapolis, 8:20 p.m.
**Monday, Nov. 29**
San Francisco at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.

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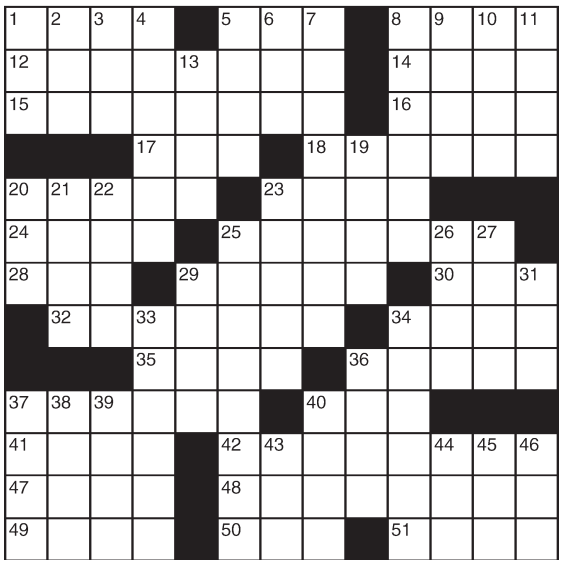

**Across**

1 Initial stake
5 Mandible
8 Jog
12 Take extra precautions
14 Inauguration recitation
15 Used by all
16 "Do — others ..."
17 Tokyo's old name
18 Abductor
20 Thread recommended by dentists
23 Dullard
24 Allergic reaction
25 Remark
28 Lubricant
29 Fugard's "A Lesson From —"
30 Aah's partner
32 Order
34 FDR is pictured on it
35 Roof overhang
36 Bowler hat
37 Graduates
40 Conger, for one
41 "The Bible Tells —"
42 Subway passenger, often
47 State with certainty
48 Citric quencher
49 Neat
50 Historic time
51 Business VIP

**Down**

1 Joan of —
2 Ultramodern (Pref.)
3 "Tiny" Dickens lad
4 Become interwoven
5 2007 Ellen Page movie
6 Altar constellation
7 Greeted
8 Hairpiece
9 Carry on
10 "Beetle Bailey" dog
11 Norse thunder god
13 Lather
19 Venus de Milo's lack
20 To and —
21 Secular
22 Scandinavian city
23 Frontiersman Daniel
25 Collarbone
26 Black (Fr.)
27 Mausoleum
29 "— for All Seasons"
31 Attention getter
33 "Cats" showstopper
34 "Clair —"
36 Showroom sample
37 He loves (Lat.)
38 Jeans pioneer Strauss
39 Secondhand
40 Actress Thompson
43 "— the ramparts ..."
44 April 15 payment
45 Netherlands city
46 Fun and games

▶ Yesterday's answer

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| C | A | N | B | E | R | R | A | | K | N | O | W |
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## Sudoku

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| 3 | | | 9 | | 4 | | | 1 |
| | 1 | | 2 | | 3 | | 6 | |
| | | 6 | | | | 9 | | |
| | | 3 | 6 | | 8 | 5 | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | 6 |
| | | 1 | 4 | | 7 | 8 | | |
| | | 2 | | | | 3 | | |
| | 4 | | 1 | | 6 | | 9 | |
| 9 | | | 5 | | 2 | | | 7 |

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 5 |
| 7 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| 1 | 3 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 9 |
| 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 6 |
| 5 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 4 |
| 8 | 6 | 9 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 8 |
| 3 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| 9 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 |

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*Hello, Diva!!! I'm so glad You came to visit Family in Hungary. You are such a nice person to be with and we love You so much.* **GRANDMA AGNES**

*Sadiki, I honestly did not know what love is until you came into my life. Each and every day i love you more and more. I miss you more than anything and am counting the months until we can be together forever. Love you forever and always* **143 LOVE LIZ**

## Today's horoscope

*For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca*

**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** This is a marvelous time for travel and anything to do with expanding your horizons, both mentally and physically.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May** The Sun moves into the area of the heavens that governs investments and anything else that has a bearing on your material wealth today. Whatever your financial ills may be they will get better very soon.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** You have come in for some criticism of late and although not all of it was deserved you know that some of it was. So, have you learned from your mistakes? Of course you have – learning is what Gemini does best.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** The past few weeks have seen you at your most confident and dynamic but the Sun's change of signs today will bring back one or two minor doubts. But that's all they are – minor – so don't dwell on them.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23** You have so much confidence in yourself that there is just no way you will not be able to reach your goals. Anything is possible for you over the next four weeks.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22** The Sun's entry into one of the more sensitive areas of your chart may make you a bit distrustful of people you don't know very well but don't take it to extremes.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** Why are you dwelling on past mistakes when you should be thinking ahead to all the wonderful opportunities that will soon be coming to you?

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** The Sun moves out of your birth sign today and into the area of the sky that governs what you own and earn, which means it is time to turn your attention to matters of a worldly nature.

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** A new solar year begins for you today and your first task is to decide what you intend to do with it. You must have a plan, even if it is only a vague outline of the path you hope to be taking.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** You will be asking yourself some deep questions today, questions of the "what must I do with my life?" variety. Don't rush the answers – they will only come when the time is right.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** You've been a bit pushy of late, and that's okay because it was the only way to get things done, but now you must take a more relaxed attitude to relationships.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20** Your voice will carry a lot more authority now that the Sun is crossing the midheaven angle of your chart. So what will you get people to do for you? SALLY BROMPTON

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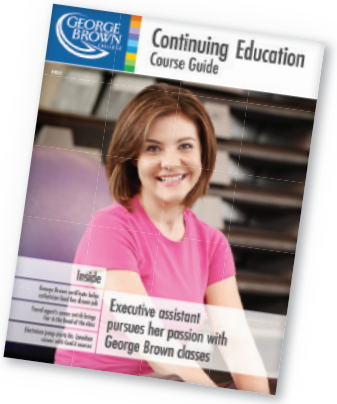


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